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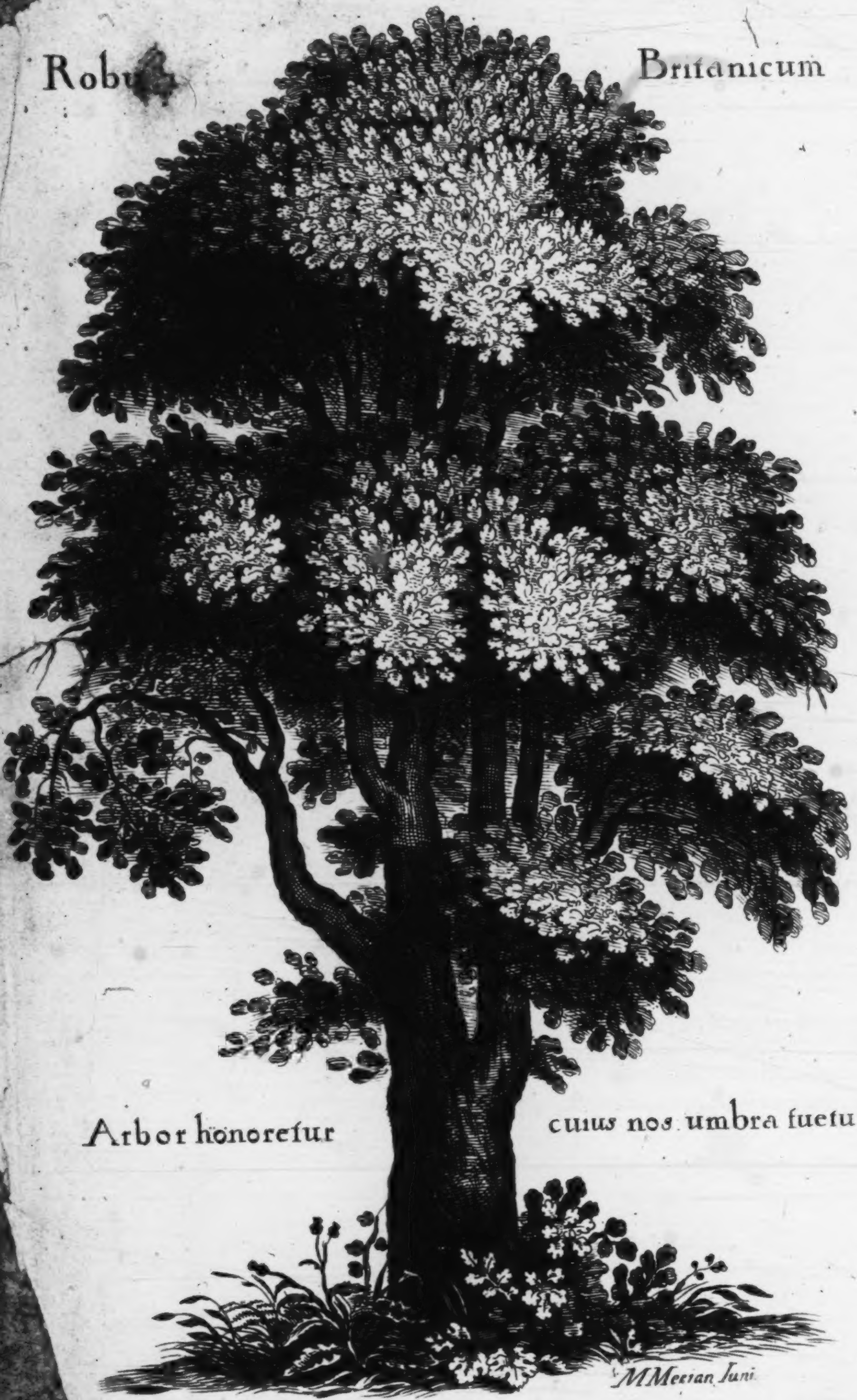

Arbor honoretur cuius nos umbra tuetur

ΔΕΝΔΡΟΛΟΓΙΑ.

DODONA'S GROVE,

OR,

THE VOCALL FORREST.

By I.H. ESQ^r. Howell

Nec erubuit ſiluas habitare camœna.
Virg Ecl.
1 Corinth 3
Sed Deus qui dat incrementum.
Neque is qui rigat
Neque is qui plantat eſt aliquid.
M Merian fe.

By T.B for H. Moſley at the Princes Armes in S^t Paules Church-yard. 1640.

Dendrologia. or Discours of Trees:

Druina England Cardenia: Scotland. Monticelia. Italy.
Surarg: ~~[illegible]~~ Ireland
Ampelona France
Mayana. Spayne
Leoncia: ~~Holland~~ Flanders
Stelia. Holland
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AD CAESAREM BRITANNICVM.

IN time of yore, when *Earth* was yet but *Clods*,
Trees for their *Gardiens* had no leſſe then *Gods*:
IOVE did protect the *Oke*, BACCHUS the *Vine*,
MINERVA ſaid, the *Olive* ſhall bee mine;
VENUS the *Mirtle* for her minion tooke:
APOLLO would the *Laurell* overlooke:
My *Trees* need no ſuch Patrons, one mild glance
Of CESARS *Eye*, will beſt their *budds* advance.

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To Her
MAIESTIE.

A LA ROYNE.

Bourgeon *du Grand* Bourbon, *qui ſoubs ſes doux* rameaux
Maintint la France *en paix, apres tant de travaux*
Vingt ans entiers, *ayant en bonne guerre*
Les Princes Broüillons *mis* quatre fois *en terre*;
I'ay veu en mill' endroicts ſon nom luyſant en marbre,
Mais non pas engravè iuſqu' à preſent en Arbre:
Parmi ces bois *auſſy on trouverá (peut eſtre)*
Madame, *voſtre nom taillé en groſſe lettre.*

To the Common *Reader*.

O*Pinion*, is that high and mighty Dame,
Which rules the World,and in the Minde doth frame
Diſtaſt or liking; for in humane race,
She makes the fancy various as the face.
Sometimes the Father differ's from the Sonne,
As doth the *Goſpell* from the *Alcharon*!
Or *Loyola* from *Calvin*, which two brands,
In ſtrange Combuſtions hurle faire *Europe's* Lands:
So that amongſt ſuch *Atomes* of mankinde,
You ſcarce can two encounter of one minde.
This makes my *Trees* all *Aſpen*, 'cauſe they muſt
Lye ope to every *Winde*, and vulgar *guſt*:
Yet much they feare not any Critickes *knockes*,
Vnleſſe they chance to ſtumble 'mongſt the *blockes*.

——*Ex quovis* ſtipite *non fit Mercurius*.

To the *Criticall* READER.

IF *Satyres* here you find, thinke it not ſtrange,
'Tis proper *Satyres* in the *Woods* ſhould range;
And for free ſpeech,why may not *Verſe* or *Proſe*
Sit under *Trees* as ſafely,as the *Roſe*?
Yet here is nothing,though a *Grand Inqueſt*
You ſhould empannell,but may bide the *Teſt*:
For *pettie Iuries*, let the *Reader* know,
Compoſures of this kind ſtoupe not ſo low.

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To the rarely accompliſhd, and vvorthy of beſt employment, Maſter HOVVEL, upon his Vocall FORREST.

Beleeve it, Sir, you happily have hit
Vpon a curious Fancie, *of ſuch wit,*
That farre tranſcends the vulgar; for each Line,
Methinks, breathes BARCLAY, *or a* BOCCOLINE.
I know you might (none better) make the Vine,
The Olive, Ivie, Mulbery, *and* Pine,
With others, their owne Dialects *expoſe,*
But you have taught them all rich Engliſh *Proſe.*
I end and envie, but muſt juſtly ſay,
Who makes Trees *ſpeak ſo well, deſerves the* Bay.

Henry VVotton.

On the *Vocall Forreſt*, to *J. H.* Eſq.

COme THEOPHRASTUS, and reſigne thy *Pen*,
Thy *Trees* are taught to *ſpeake*, th'are growne to *Men*:
Men were transformd to *Trees*, and ſome are ſtill
Meere *Blocks*; but MERCURIE now proves his skill,
And charmes the *Grove*; the wagging leaves firſt mutter,
At the change, and ſtreight *State-Language* they doe utter.
The pleaſant *Arbour* gently whiſpers This,
Trees have their Keyes, as well as ARGENIS.
Hedges have eares, the rurall Proverb ſayes,
Court-Proverb tells, th'ave toungs, and toungs of *Bayes*.
'Twas IOTHANS ſtyle, to wrap in toungs of *Trees*,
As ſacred Rolls report, *State-Myſteries*.
No *Poplar* here, no *Medlar* ſuccour findeth,
True-heart of *Oke*, the loyall Author mindeth:
Spring ſtately *Grove*, be thouſand Winters *greene*,
And in thy *Rind* be names of Princes ſeene:
Though VULCAN Iron-marks, our *Forreſts* beare,
Nor Axe, nor Fire APOLLO'S *Grove* doth feare.

T. P. S. T. D.

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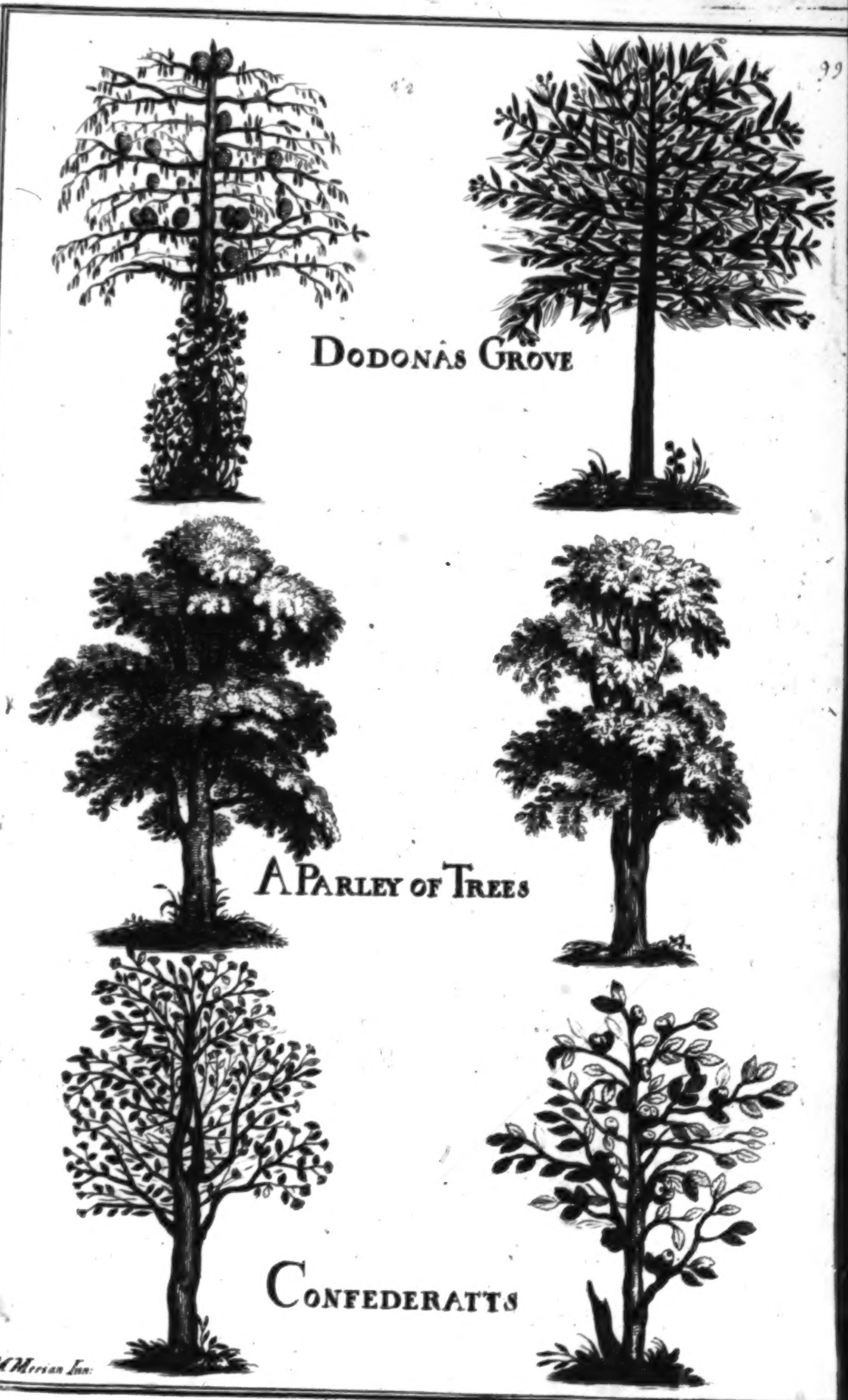

DODONAS GROVE

A PARLEY OF TREES

CONFEDERATTS

DODONA'S GROVE.

OR, THE VOCALL FORREST.

I*T fortun'd not long ſince, that* Trees *did ſpeake, and locally move, and meet one another; Their ayrie whiſtlings, and ſoft hollowe whiſpers became Articulate ſounds, mutually intelligible, as if to the ſoule of* vegetation, *the ſenſitive faculties and powers of the intellect alſo, had been co-infus'd into them: They traveld to ſtrange Countries, croſſd Seas, made peace and warre, alliances and leagues, aſſumed names and Characters of diſtinction, and diſcharged all the functions of Rationall creatures.*

In the ſacred Oracles wee read of one that diſcernd men to walke like Trees, but here cleane contrary, you ſhall ſee Trees walke like men. We read alſo there of a mighty Monarck, that was meant by a Tree; And it is no new Character of man, that, He is a Tree revers'd.

The great Sicilian Antiquary leaveth upon record, that in the nonage of the world, mens voyces were indiſtinct and confus'd; And ſojourning chiefly in VVoods, by a kind of aſſimilation and frequent impreſſions in the eare, they reſembled thoſe ſoft ſuſurrations of the Trees wherewith they converſd; untill Time, (which ripeneth) and Art which perfecteth all things, & hath a greater intereſt in ſpeech then Nature her ſelfe, did diſtinguiſh theſe miſhapen ſounds into ſyllables, and ſo by degrees into language.

At that time, when this parley of Trees begun, I my ſelfe was but a little, little Plant newly ſprung up above ground; And paſſing through the terrible Birch to Boetia, where I tooke in my beſt Sap, and came by degrees to a conſiſtent growth (which was not very high, in ſo much that ſome thinke I was ſet in the wane of the Moone) I was tranſplanted from Boetia to Tamiſond, And thence as my Genius ſtrongly led me, I often croſſed the Seas, and rangd up and down through moſt of the Forreſts of the lower world; And as I paſſed along, I obſerved

ved the motions, and ſtudied the properties of ſundry ſorts of Trees, *as well forren, as* home ſprung, *and of them I intend to relate ſome paſſages; In the narration whereof I will endeavour to goe between the* Bark *and the* Tree, *as neere as poſsibly I can with ſafety, to ſift out, and ſet down the truth of things, for* the prime vertue of ſtory is verity.

Wherefore I hope to obtaine a candid conſtruction of this rough hewen, ill timberd *diſcourſe, and that the Reader will be pleaſed as he ſhall paſſe along through theſe* woods, *to affoord mee ſomtimes his ſecond thoughts, and obſerve alſo the conſtant veine of impartiality, which runnes through the whole worke, which he ſhall find to be ſuch, that it will infranchiſe his judgment every where: And ſuch, I know will diſpenſe with my errors and ſlips, for it is very hard but one paſsing through ſo many* Forreſts *as I intend, may meet with ſome* ſtumbling blocks *in his way.*

Δενδρολογία.

—Sacra Jovi Quercus.

A
Character of DRUINA.

THere is a goodly *Forreſt, Druina* by name, anciently called the *White Forreſt*, wherein the royall *Oke* rules in chiefe, and with ſuch a latitude of power, that *Hee ſtretcheth forth his branches to the Sea, and his boughes unto the great Rivers.* It was ordained by Heaven, that *She* ſhould be principally protected by *Neptune*, who with a flying gard of brave winged Courſers doth engarriſon her ſo ſtrongly, that, lying ſafe in his boſome, ſhe may be ſaid to be

——*Media inſuperabilis Unda.*

She being endowed with thoſe two properties which
that great *Regiſter* of natures ſecrets requires in an in-
vincible Country, *viz.* A ſecure and eaſie going out 1
for the Native, and a doubtfull hard comming in for 2
the ſtranger; which made the *Cærulean* God ſo indul-
gent of his *Druina*, and to repoſe in her ſuch a rare
confidence, that beſides the *cluſtre* of Diadems which

begirt her *high fronded* fore-head by land, he tranſmitted to her long ſince his very Trident, making her Impreſſe, yea, Empreſſe of the Sea, and that in ſo high a degree of Soveraignty, that in her owne waves, hee gave her an *Excluſive propriety*; in ſo much that the utmoſt extent of her deſmenes royall, are adjudged, by ſome great Clarkes, to bee the ſhoares of the neighbouring *Forreſts*.

Whereby ſhe is growne ſo *famous* through all the inhabited earth, and *formidable* to the next adjacent regions, that maugre all their menaces, pretenſions, and practiſes, ſhe gives them the law upon ſalt water; which makes her a *terror* to her foes, a *ſhelter* to her friends, and *ſecurity* to her neighbours; But above all, ſhe hath thereby a conſtant ſtrength to defend her ſelfe: And *ſelfe defence hath beene alwaies held the firſt maxime of policy.*

Much more might be ſpoken in honour of *Druina*, which I ſuſpend, untill I have made you acquainted with ſome of her neighbouring *Forreſts*, becauſe I am to make often tranſcurſions into them as I paſſe along; And firſt of her next oppoſite neighbour *Ampelona*, where the Majeſticke *Vine* doth monarchize in the higheſt degree of Soveraignty.

A
CHARACTER OF AMPELONA.

Rode Caper vitem; *tamen hic, cum ſtabis ad aras,*
In tua quod fundi cornua poſsit, erit.

ANd now I am upon a peece of the Continent and one of natures beſt peeces, one of her chiefeſt *Granaries* and *Winecellars*; a ſquare of 550. miles travers, take the diameter where you will, thronging with ſuch multitudes of *ſappy* and ſpritefull *plants*, that the generall calcule which was made in the laſt *perambulation* exceeded eight millions; a rare ſoyle that in no larger a circumference, can give *radicall moiſture* to ſuch a number without borrowing of any; Corne, Wine, and Salt, her three rich ſtaples doe ſo abound in her, that ſhee ſeaſoneth, and keepes from ſtarving very many of her neighbours, but ſpecially the *Forreſt of the South*, which otherwiſe would periſh for the *ſtaffe* of life.

There is no Region on Earth ſo daintily watered, with ſuch great navigable Rivers, whereof ſome are ſaid to bee *pav'd* with Troutes, *borderd* with crevices, and *imbroderd* with Swannes; And upon theſe multitudes of brave Cities ſtand, and all her great ones ſtand ſo; but amongſt them the midland townes are moſt flouriſhing and abounding in wealth, which ſhewes that her riches are interne and domeſticke; For as it is the marke of a good houſewife to be more *Vendax*, then *Emax*, rather a ſeller then Buyer, ſo is it of a good Countrey; And ſuch a one is *Ampelona*, which ſends forth far more, then ſhe fetcheth in. The War-like *Vine* ſwayeth here in the moſt abſolute forme of ſupremacy that may bee, for Hee not onely makes Peace and Warre, ſummons and diſſolves generall meetings, pardoneth, naturallizeth, ennobleth, ſtamps, and layeth value upon coynes, but alſo enacts lawes, executes juſtice, and layeth impoſitions at pleaſure; and He may thanke *Druina* for this boundleſſe power, for when ſhe by the ſtrength of her *horned Yew* had feld downe a great number of the *ſtrongeſt Trees* that were in *Ampelona*, and made ſuch firme invaſions into her very bowels, that there could be no univerſall aſſembly, the neceſſity of the times caſt the power of the three eſtates upon the *Vine* himſelfe, that his mandats ſhould ſtand for lawes, whereby he layd what taxes, and made what leavies he pleaſed; His ſucceſſors made vertue of this neceſſity, which though temporary at firſt, continueth ever ſince; For ſoveraignty where ſhe gets an inch, ſtickes not ſometimes to ſtretch it to an ell. But that which made it more paſſable was, that the burden lighted chiefely upon the poore *coppices* and *Underwoods*; ſo that ever ſince, the *Vine* himſelfe with the *taller* ſorts of *Trees*, ſpecially the *holy Yews* (who ingroſſe more than all the reſt, and are thought by computation to have the third part of the *Forreſt*,) *ſucke* all the *ſappe*, and leave the poore *ſhrubs* to dry up, fade away, and wither; and when they have got any moyſture, they ſerve but as ſpunges for others: Out of which diſproportion ariſeth this inconvenience, that they become puſillanimous, and almoſt uſeleſſe for military ſervices, being ſo often *peeld*, that they never come to be *perfect and firme timber.*

It is alwaies a mixd government twixt Peace and Warre, which finds perpetuall employment for many of her ſtirring ſpirits, having the advantage thereby to bee furniſhed upon all occaſions with experienc'd martiall inſtruments; for *Ampelona* having open frontires contiguous every where with ſome *Alien*, She cannot joyne Peace and ſecurity together, nor fetch a ſound ſleepe, but *Hercules*-like with *clubbe* in hand. She is the greateſt one knot of ſtrength in the Weſtern world, and for the ſituation fitteſt to disjoyne or unite her neighbours forces, and conſequently to be Arbitratrix and compoundreſſe of any quarrell that may intervene: And never, ſince ſhe woare the Imperiall diademe, was *Ampelona* ſo potent, nor then, ſo well knit and compacted as now ſhe is; ſo that it is held a maxime, *If Ampelona combat not her ſelfe, ſhe is invincible*; And this ſhee hath too often done, turning the ſword of civill broyles into her own bowels, ſo farre that the bell hath often told, but never yet rung quite out for her liberty, which was thought not long ſince to be upon point of expiring; and no wonder, ſhe abounds ſo with *quicke ſets and wildings*, and a world of boyling volatil ſpirits, impatient of peace any longer then they are recovering the ruines of warre; preſent danger magnanimats them, and inflames their courage, but expectation makes it languiſh; ſo that the *Forreſt of the South* (which is ever emulous of *Ampelona*) compareth their valour to a ſquib, or fier of flaxe, which burnes and crackles for the time, but ſuddenly extinguiſheth; Indeed fury when the firſt blaſt is ſpent turnes commonly to feare, and they that are poſſeſſed therewith may be ſaid to be *like the moneth of March, which entreth like a Lion, but goeth out like a Lamb.*

Ampelona is one of the chiefeſt climes of complement and courtſhip under heaven, which puts ſo large a diſtance twixt the tongue and the heart, that they are ſeldome relatiſts. Moſt of her *Plants* have the Heliotropian quality of the *Marigold* and *Tulip*, who follow the motion of the Sunne opening and ſhutting with him; The *fancy* predominates more than the *judgement*, but they in whom both theſe concurre are admirable, as there is amongſt them at preſent a notable *example*, which ſerves for a mighty *proppe* to the *Vine*, and 'tis well knowne no *Tree* needs *props* more. For friendſhip, love commonly flames there, before it burnes, and ſo cannot be long laſting, for though firſt affection maketh deepeſt impreſſion, yet that love is held moſt permanent, which dives into the ſoule by ſoft degrees of mutuall ſociety, and is matur'd by time; very acute they are, and cautelous in treating, & therin have prov'd (more than once) too hard, for plain down right dealing *Druina*; finally ſome ſay, one ſhall beſt diſcerne an *Ampelonian*, and moſt to his advantage, if one looke upon him, as we uſe to doe upon ſcarlet (his prime colour) the dye whereof is better diſcernd by quicke glances, and a paſſing eye, then by a fixd.

I write not this to derogat from noble *Ampelona*, for I honour her in a moſt high degree, having practically found her better ſort of *Trees* though allowed their fancies, (and that they participate ſomewhat with the *Corke*, and are ſubject to be *ſhaken with incertaine winds*) to be the moſt generous, daring and ventrous ſpirits, and fulleſt of reſolution and mettall for their Country and honour, of any upon the ſurface of the earth, and what was ſaid before muſt be underſtood, as the Philoſophers uſe to reſtraine many propoſitions in their Schooles, *Non de ſingulis generum, ſed de generibus ſingulorum*: No where are there more quicke inventive and penetrating capacities, fraught with all kind of ſcientifiall knowledge; Not any are more generally imitated for faſhion, comportment and garb, which many of her neighbours doe follow to a forc'd kind of affectation, thinking they are not refin'd till then; not any have more of the Cavalier then they, the Levant parts ring more of them, and their martiall atchievements then of any other Nation.

But I have ſojourn'd too long in *Ampelona*, I will now croſſe the Hils to *Elaiana*, whence if a meridian wind bloweth, I am ſure to know when I am neere her, by thoſe ſweet fragrant odours ſhe caſts from her very *ſhrubbes*, for the bruite animals there make themſelves beds of Roſe-mary and Thyme.

But ſtrange it is, and indeed very ſtrange to me, that there being but a hill, yea a ſmall bridge of partition twixt *Ampelona*, and *Elaiana*, there ſhould bee ſuch an antipatheticall and quite differing genius in their *plants*; I know, Nature delights, and triumphs in diſſimilitudes, but here ſhe ſeemes to have induſtriouſly ſtudied it: The nature of the one is debonnaire and acoſtable; of the other retird and ſupercilious: The one quicke and ſpritefull; The other ſlow and ſaturnine; The one *buſhy* and *tufted* on the top; The other *lop'd ſhort*: The one delights in a *cloſe thicke rind*; The other goes thin and *ſcarified*; The one gay underneath, the other without, which makes ſome of them to bee compared to the *Cinnamon* Tree, whoſe *Rind* is more worth than the body; The one takes the ball before the bound; The other ſtayeth for it, and commonly fetcheth a ſurer ſtroake; The one in the cariage of his deſignes is like the *Wind*, the other like the *Sunne* in the fable, when they went to try their ſtrength upon a paſſengers cloake; The one knowes how to ſhuffle the Cards better; the other playeth his game more cunningly; The one diſgeſts all he ſwallowes; The other is ſubject to caſt it up againe; The one contracts and enchaines his words ſpeaking preſſingly and ſhort; The other delights in long breathd accents, which he prolates with ſuch pauſes, that before he be at a period of his ſentence, one may reach a ſecond thought.

In fine *Saturne* ſwayeth o're the one, and *Mercury* o're the other, with whom the *Moone* alſo hath a great ſtroake, ſo that ſome thinke the *buſh* which the man in the Moone carrieth on his backe, did *grow* firſt in *Ampelona*, and that the *wheele* of fortune was made of a peece of her *timber*; Out of theſe various premiſſes you may inferre that there is a *politicall*, *morall* and *naturall* oppoſition and difference twixt theſe ſo neere neighbours; both in their comportment, garb, fancy and humour, ſo farre, that one may ſay, what the one *is not*, the other *is*; inſomuch that if you would fetch one from the remoteſt parts the Sunne diſplayes his beames upon, yea from the very Antipodes; he will agree with either, better then they one with another; yet they both ſymbolize in this, that they love to look upon themſelves through multiplying glaſſes, and the bigger end of the proſpectiſe. But I muſt haſten to *Elaiana*.

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A
CHARACTER OF
ELAIANA.

AND now I am come from Gods bleſſing to the warme Sun, who is a little too prodigall of his beames here, which makes the ſoyle leſſe fruitfull, and to be a kind of wilderneſſe in compariſon of *Ampelona*, being like a Libbards skinne, here a ſpot, and there a ſpot inhabited; ſhe ſwels ſo every where with huge hils; And ſome would make a queſtion whether the *minds* of the Inhabitants or her *mountaines* be higheſt; the tops whereof by reaſon of the tenuity and cleareneſſe of aire, (for ſometimes you ſhall not ſee in the whole hemiſphere from morning to night as much cloud as would line a Monmoth Cappe) you may diſcerne above two hundred Miles off, and ſome of them periwigd with ſnowes all the yeare long, And on ſome, one ſhall find more difference in point of temper of ayre, twixt bottome and top, then twixt Sommer and Winter in other places; But *Elaiana* hath valleys, there ſhe is deliciouſly fertile, *ſuch bleſſings humility carieth alwaies with her*; Her rivers having for the moſt part high bankes, and ſhallow bottomes, ſerve not for Navigation, but are wheeld up into ſmall Cataracts, and ſo divided into ſluces, to humectat the bordering ſoyle, and make it wonderfully productive: A cheap Country to travell in, for one will hardly find *meat* for money, (but *ſawce* good ſtore) the conveyance of proviſion being ſo difficult, yet this ſcarcity carieth with it a notable advantage for Military uſes, wherewith nature ſeemes to recompence her, for her *Plants* are the *tougher* thereby, and can endure more then they that *ſprout* forth of wanton ſoft ſoyles; Moreover her abruptneſſe, barrenes and heat, carry with them another mighty benefit, for ſhe cannot be ſo eaſily overrunne by forren force, in regard that beſides the difficulty of paſſage, an army would either ſtarve for want, or miſcarry, for the unuſuall heat of the clime, which I beleeve was the reaſon, that the *Roman* Eagles could hardly fly over her in *nine ſcore* yeares, whereas they flew through and through *Ampelona* in leſſe then *nine*.

For the *quality* every thing ſhe beares is paſſing good, only ſhe failes in the *quantity*, And did ſhe abound in *plenty*, as ſhe excels in *perfection* of all things (by reaſon of the full concoction the Sunne makes) ſpecially had ſhe Corne proportionable to her greatneſſe, ſhe would prove terrible to all her neighbours.

The mighty Olive who now ſwayeth, thrives well, and *fructifieth* by *ingrafting* upon the lovely *Ampelonian Vine*. Hee keepes his Court neere the very centre of *Elaiana*, like the Sunne in the Heavens, which being in the midſt, equally communicats his beames to all. And a ſpacious kingdome is like a great Indian hide, plant your foot on one ſide or corner, the other will bound up againſt you, tread on the middle, all parts will lye flat; ſo ſome hold it a maxime in policy, for the Prince to reſide in the very navill of his kingdome, to encounter all inſurrections with the more celerity, that may ariſe in any other part. But now me thinkes I ſpie a ſatyre with a huge *buſhy* head ruſhing out of *Ampelona*, and breaking out into this criticall diſcourſe of *Elaiana*; That the time was when *Ela ana* did containe and content her ſelfe within the circumference of her own boundaries, without any further encroachments, but of late yeares ſhe hath *ſhot* up, and *ſpread* her *branches* farre and neare into all parts of the habitable earth, whereby ſhee is *growne* up to ſo monſtrous and giantlike a proportion, that ſhe is become formidable to all her neighbours, in ſuch ſort, as ſhe puts every one to ſtand upon his gard, and have a continuall larum-bell in his eares; they ſtand gazing at her vaſt *bulke*, and wonder when ſhe will leave *growing*; for in her politicall deſignes ſhe differs from all her Neighbours, in regard that whereas they do only labour and caſt about how to conſerve and ſecure what they have already, and keep the ſcales even, her counſels tend ſtill to enlarge and augment her territories. The diſcovery of *Columbina*, I confeſſe, together with the conqueſt, was a worke of hers; yet it is obſerv'd thoſe vaſt treaſures ſhe tranſports thence thrive little, in regard of the Ocean of humane, though ſavage bloud, ſhe ſpilt there; ſo that ſome affirme the bloud would overpoiſe all the gold ſhee had ever thence, if they were counter-balanc'd; And as that treaſure was firſt got by ſuch effuſions of bloud, ſo the greateſt part of it, hath beene ſpent ever ſince in bloud, for moſt of the broyles of the Weſterne world have beene fed and fomented by it.

But that immenſe tract of earth ſhe holds under that clime, is preſerv'd rather by the conceipt and report of her greatneſſe, then by any intrinſicke ſtrength: yet I cannot deny but her dominions are very ſpacious, that the Sun never forſakes her quite, perpetually ſhining in ſome part or other above her hemiſphere: a grandeza, I confeſſe, that none of all the foure Monarchies could vaunt of, no not the *Roman*, whoſe greatneſſe was ſaid to have no horiſon, though falſly, for he could never croſſe *Ganges*, or clime over *Caucaſus*, Inſomuch that *Elaiana* glorieth, *Apollo* only with his chariot can meaſure the extent of her territories: And they ſpeake of certaine Ambaſſadours that came not long ſince to the now regnant *Olive* from a Pagan Emperour, upon whoſe credentiall letters was endors'd this ſuperſcription; *To the King who hath the Sunne for his helmet.*

Publike fame hath long given out that *Elaiana* aimeth at the fift Monarchy, but that is a fond conceipt of hers and building of *Caſtles* in the ayre; for ſhe hath beene told long ſince by the Oracle, that ſhe ſhall never attaine it, becauſe all other ſoyles reject her *plants*, and fly from under their *ſhadow* as the Serpent from the *Aſh*, who will leap ſooner into a fire: in ſo much that from thoſe places to which ſhe gives *protection*, ſhe ſeldome hath any *affection*; for the *Elaianians* are obſerved to partake of the nature of *Oile* in divers qualities, therefore moſt properly are they governd by the *Olive*. Firſt, *Oyle* is obſerved to ſwimme ſtill on the top, and the reaſon the Naturaliſts give, is, becauſe aire doth moſt predominat in it, ſo are they lifted up with an ayrie conceipt (for ambition is nought but ayre) that they are only deſign'd to be Lords Paramount of the world.

Oyle will hardly or never (unleſſe it be well beaten) mingle and incorporat with any other liquid thing: ſo they, whereſoever they come, doe very hardly agree, and ſympathize with any other Nation. Oyle hath a dilating quality, that by ſoft inſenſible degrees it ſpreads and ſtill gaines upon the body where it fals, ſo they by politicke cloſe wayes uſe to eat into, and incroach upon their neighbours, or more properly for this ſubject they are like the *Tartarian plant Boraneth*, which growing up to the viſible forme of a *LAMBE*, inſenſibly eates up all the graſſe round about it.

Laſtly, Oyle is ſlow, ſmooth and ſolid, ſo are they obſerved to be in their motion, though it be a queſtion yet unreſolved, whether their affected gravity and ſlownes in their negotiations have tended more to their prejudice or advantage: And they would bring all others, that have to doe with them, to follow their pace, it being one of their maximes, *that policy muſt move after the motion of Saturne*, the higheſt of the Planets: yet although they are long in conſulting, they are quicke and ſudden in executing their deſignes, and therein are rather of the nature of the *Mulberry*, which the *Arboliſts* obſerve, to be long in begetting and keeping his *buds*, but the cold ſeaſons being paſs'd, hee *ſhootes* them all out in a night.

Another obſtacle to *Elaiana's*, pretended Monarchy may be, that it is obſerv'd, the Soveraigne Miniſters ſhe employeth abroad in the higheſt kind of truſt, are ſo intentive for the improvement of their owne fortunes, that it is growne to a proverbe, ſome of them *gnaw*, others *eate*, and ſome *devoure* in thoſe places, wherein they are deputed to beare Soveraigne ſway; Adde hereunto that her forme of government is none of the pleaſingſt, for ſhee chooſeth to rule rather by *feare* than *love*, And where ſhee gets any love, it is drawne as threed through a needles eye, out of the apprehenſions of feare, it being one of her principles,

That obedience derived from ſuch a love is ſureſt, in regard that feare as the carefulleſt and greateſt houſe-wife of our paſſions, ſwayeth *more powerfully o're all the reſt, and keeps them ſtill in centinell, And ſo makes good ſubjects, as it did Gods at firſt,*

Primus in orbe Deos fecit Timor——

Beſides all this, as *one* hath lately obſerved, *Elaiana* hath beene a good while troubled with a faſtidious iſſue, wch ſhe cauſed to be made at firſt for a dizzines in the head that proceeded no doubt from that huge *height* ſhe is mounted unto; It was cauterizd at firſt by *Itelia*, who fetch'd her iron from *Druina and Ampelona*; at the beginning it purg'd only the *groſſe humours*, but afterwards it exhauſted her very *radicall moyſture*, (which ſhe ſuckd chiefly from *Columbina*,) and her *naturall heat* (the *two* columnes of life) began to decay. She was often with *Apollo* to have this iſſue ſtop'd, but there after a long debate, ſhe was poſitively advis'd, by the unanimous vote of the moſt exquiſit Doctors aſſembled of purpoſe to know the nature of her diſeaſe, for to continue the iſſue ſtill open, for if ſhe ſtop'd it, ſhe was like to fall into a worſe malady, *viz.* a dangerous dropſie, whereof there appear'd in her ſome ſymptomes, by the unquenchable thirſt ſhee hath of domination and rule.

Moreover it is lately given out that ſhe intends a ſpeedy pilgrimage to *Delphus*, for a cordial againſt the weakneſſe of her ſtomacke, in regard the concocting heat ſeems to be ſomwhat impair'd; for whereas before ſhe never uſed to diſgorge, what ſhe had once ſwallowed, ſhe hath lately caſt up ſome good bits, yea the moſt *precious* and *ſweeteſt* ſhe had, when ſhe caſt up the laſt, *all her Saints* were a while taken away from her, ſo that ſhe had not one left to pray unto; whereby it appeares though her appetite be as good as ever it was to like all ſhe ſeeth, yet the retentive vertue of her ſtomacke is not ſo ſtrong as formerly.

Laſtly, the Regions o're which the *broad ſpreading Olive* ſignorizeth, are ſquared up and downe, and diſpers'd by ſuch an unſociable diſtance (which makes him receive baffles ſometimes from petty companions) that except *Elaiana* her ſelfe, and not all ſhe neither, but that *part* which gives the Caſtle for its creſt, together with *Columbina*, and ſome trienniall donatives ſhe hath from *Hipparcha*, the in-come doth no where countervaile the charge of garriſons and governors. Yet I muſt confeſſe, the two benefits that accrue to him by this diverſity of territories are very conſiderable, Firſt the opportunity to propagat piety; Secondly, to have choice of imployments for his ſubjects, and meanes thereby to breed up wiſe, undertaking and heroicke ſpirits;

For great commands elevate the minde to great thoughts, which being converſant with weighty, and high paſſages, the ſoule is inlargd thereby; whereas inferiour ſtates by their pettie employments and ſlender rewards impoveriſh and abaſe the fancy, rendring it too narrow for high undertakings. Countries of conqueſt cannot bee conſerv'd without continuall expence, nor their ſervice uſd with like aſſurance, ſpecially by Elaiana,

which can relye no where upon meere love and fiduciary obedience, unleſſe it be at her owne home, where I cannot deny but ſhe is exemplarily loyall to her ſelfe in a high exact obedience. Touching other places ſhe may be ſaid to hold them, as one ſhould do a Wolfe by the eares; nor will I ſpeake now of the crazines of her title to many of them: So, that ſhe is never in perfect tranquillity abroad; and ſhe eſteemes her ſelfe to be in a manner in perfect peace, if ſhee hath onely to doe with that huge *Bramble* of *Alclarona*; ſo that it may be hence infer'd, that the *Olive* is of late yeares much degenerated from his Primitive nature, for whereas he was uſed to be the Embleme of *peace*, he now ruſfleth in a continuall courſe of *armes*; And this is the reaſon I beleeve, that the *branch of Olive*, which at the beginning was the ancient cogniſance of *Elaiana*, is turn'd of late yeares to the *Ragged ſtaffe*.

The *Ampelonian* Satyre, having thus diſgorg'd his ſtomacke ſuddenly ranne in, and *re-imboſchd* himſelfe.

For my owne particular, let AMPELONA rattle what ſhe will againſt *Elaiana*, I profeſſe to honour her for ſundry reaſons, I very much honour her for the ſolidneſſe and ſecrecy of her Counſels; For her loyalty to her Prince, her patience and admirable phlegme, her painfull and long moulded conſultations (*proles tardè creſcentis Olivæ*) her deepe prudence and circumſpection, and indeed the *Olive* being ſacred to Pallas is an Embleme of prudence as well as of peace; ſhe deſerv[illegible] honour for her conſtancy, though with infinite expence and numberleſſe inconveniences, for the recovery of her own; And without doubt it was a ſingular bleſſing from heaven, that the diſcovery of *Columbina*, with the conqueſt thereof was reſerv'd for her; I reſpect her for her perpetuall profeſſed feud againſt the common enemy, That her *plants* never rove abroad to beare armes for any ſtrange Prince, whereas others receive pay, and ſerve under the banners of Infidels, and oftentimes againſt their owne naturall Princes; And as for *Warres*, ſo for *Wares* they goe not abroad any where to trafficke but into the dominions of their owne Prince, which makes the *Olive* to have no ſmall advantage of his neighbours upon any ſudden breach.

Amongſt other places where the *Martiall Olive ſhoots* forth his imperious *boughs*, *Leoncia* is one, and thither I am bound next, but the worſt is, that I muſt paſſe through the very heart of *Ampelona;* a mighty incommodity. For ſhe being in perpetuall diffidence, or actuall enmity with her, but alwaies emulous and ſuſpectfull of her, I am afraid to be ſtop'd or ſearchd, it not ſtrip'd in the way; And if I paſſe by Sea, I may chance fall from the trying pan into the fire, I meane into the hands of the Italians, who of all other are moſt skilfull in rummaging and pillaging; Beſides I uſe to have a ſqueazie ſtomacke on ſalt Water, for I doe nothing but tell what *Tree* the Shippe is made of.

A CHARACTER OF LEONCIA.

—*Noli irritare Leonem.*

AND now have I gaind *Leoncia* the cockpit of the Weſterne world, and Academy of armes for many yeares. The moderne (though meaneſt) kind of Militia is here altogether in practiſe, which conſiſts in blockmeuts and batteries, not pitch'd fields. Never was there ſuch a ſmall circumference of ground, ſo turnd up, and

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unboweled by the Pioner, ſo watred with bloud, and calcin'd as it were by the flames and fury of Warre: which hath made it a fatall peece of inheritance to *Elaiana*, who hath tuggd here ſo long for her title, with ſuch a vaſt profuſion of treaſure and *effuſion* of bloud, that if ſhe had not bin draind this way, ſhe might have tiled her palaces with occidentall gold and ſilver, and by this time happily have made her ſelfe Miſtris of *Timaurania* her next tranſmarin neighbour, and regaind the *Mount* of *Olives* and achiev'd other high feates againſt *Alcharona*: The vaſt expences ſhe hath beene at, to reduce *Leoncia* to her old obedience, and entire ſubjection, exceed the value of the thing it ſelfe forty times over at leaſt, if all *Leoncia* were to be ſold in the market by out cry; And queſtionleſſe envie her ſelfe muſt needs acknowledge this ſo coſtly a conſtancy in *Elaiana* never to abandon her owne, to bee a brave magnanimous vertue.

Leoncia hath many *Groves* of different *plantations*, but in the *ſtemme* of *Elaiana* they all met as lines in one center, and came to be *ingrafted* all upon one *ſtocke*, ſome by *conqueſt*, others by *donation*, and *ceſſion*, but moſt of them by *inoculations*; There was a deſigne more than once to reduce them all to a kingdome; But the multiplicity of cuſtomes, and miſcellany of municipall rights, that ſundry places clayme by inheritance, were not compatible with a Monarchy: and the invading of this freedome of *cuſtomes* with that of the *conſcience*, was the firſt fatall cauſe of *Leoncias* revolt from her alleageance to *Elaiana*

The royall *Olive* was ſolemnly ſworne at his Inauguration to obſerve theſe things inviolable; then to come to viſit her once every ſeventh yeare, himſelfe, as alſo to ridde her quite of all forren force, and to performe other obligatory conditions; But hee being once gone, and being diſpenſed withall for his ſeptenniall viſit by a holy inſtrument from *Petropolis*, he reſolvd to governe them by ſubalterne Miniſters, who it ſeemes ſcrud up the pinnes of power too high, they layed on new taxes, fell'd down ſome of the ancientſt *tall Trees* (as the *Roman* did the heads of the *poppies*) ſo that they might bee compard to the *Axe* in the Fable, who having got a handle of the *Woods* with much entreaty, fell afterwards to *cut downe* and deſtroy them at pleaſure: A Counſell of bloud was erected, and a harder yoake layed upon the conſcience in holy rites. One reaſon the *Olive* gave, was, that *Leoncia* her ſelfe began to infringe her old priviledges by introducing new formes into divine ſervice, and aboliſhing the old, in which by vertue of his primitive oath he was indiſpenſably ſworne to continue them; And thus the argument was retorted.

Druina and *Ampelona* intervend to compoſe theſe differences, but they had a ſhort anſwer of the *Olive*, that hee needed not the helpe of any, to reduce his own ſubjects to conformity, but the oddes that were, he would referre to the *Cedar* his Cozen, who as it ſeemes proving no indifferent Arbiter, *Leoncia* ſheltred her ſelfe (though *Druina* had the firſt tender made her both of protection and Soveraignty) under the *branches* of the *Royall Vine*, who ſending the very *next* of his owne *ſtemme* to governe her, he attempted, by the præcipitat Counſell of ſome *greene ſpringals* about him, to raviſh her, and render himſelfe abſolute. But hee had a foule repulſe; yet ſhe profferd againe her protection to the *Vine*, who having a moſt pernicious fire kindled (as it was thought after by the *Factors* of *Elaiana*) within the very bowels of his owne *Forreſt*, hee had worke enough cut him out to extinguiſh that. Hereupon ſhee made her humble re-

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cours to *DRVINA*, who as well for her owne ſecuritie (as the ſtate of things then ſtood) as movd with much Princely compaſſion to ſuccour the afflicted, gave her ſhelter. In ſo much that ever ſince *Druina* hath ſervd her as a backe of ſteele, and her forces have beene the very ſinewes of her ſtrength againſt the *ſtroakes* of the *ragged ſtaffe*, and the iron *rodde* of *Elaiana*; who in thoſe *Groves* ſhee reſerves yet under her protection and obedience, continueth to *cut* and *loppe* her ſo cloſe, that one ſhall heare up and down a repining rather againſt the harſhneſſe of government, then a deſire of revenge againſt the Enemy.

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A CHARACTER OF ITELIA.

—Et jam nos inter opacas
Muſa vocat ſalices.

AMongſt others which did Emancipat themſelves from their obedience to *Elaiana*, *Itelia* was the chiefe, who by erecting her *GROVE of WILLOWES* to a republicke, and drawing after her five and more of the neighbouring *Groves* into one body politicke, in lieu of the *Olive*, tooke the *Orenge* to governe her, yet farre from the degree of Soveraigne power, but rather to ſerve her in a high martiall way: And to beare up againſt the *Orenge*, the *Olive* did luckily light upon a notable *Ligurian Thorne* who made the *willowes* to feele his *Prickles* in many places, and twixt the *Orenge* and *Thorne* ſundry brave encounters, and cunning traverſes of warre happened. By theſe meanes *Itelia* brought one of her *Fiſher townes* to bee the prime Mart of all *Leoncia*, and to a ſtupendious height of commerce and riches, and other ſtrange feates ſhe hath done ſince, to the aſtoniſhment and admiration of all that know her. And it ſeemes all things conſpird to raiſe *Itelia* to this paſſe; Firſt, the diſtance of her great

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Maſter; the humor of her *plants* being of a nature patient and induſtrious and more inclinable to a democraticall government; Adde hereunto the quality of the Country every where indented with water, and therby fortifi'd, and made inacceſſible, nature her ſelfe undertaking that way her protection, ſo that ſhe can overwhelme and turn her ſelfe into one pond when ſhe liſt. Hereunto concurd a further advantage of ſituation, having behind her *Elatena*, and her great king the *Fir*, for her friend, and thoſe places which affoord all kind of materials for ſhipping, and for all kind of nutriment and military ſupplies hard before her *Druina* and *Ampelona*, both ſwarming with *ſuperfluous Graſſes*, and ſuſpectfull of *Elaiana's* greatneſſe, and thereby not unwilling to contribute ſtrength for community of danger, and conſequently of *reciprocall conſervation, which muſt needs be the ſtrongeſt tie of Politicall love.*

But now mee thinkes I ſpie againe *a Sunne burnt wainſcot fac'd Satyre* ruſh out of *Elaiana*, ſwelling with ſpleene and revenge and burſting out into theſe vociferations; That *Jtelia* is the neareſt neighbour to Hell of any place upon earth, becauſe ſeated loweſt, and ſo is thought to conferre ſometimes with internall ſpirits: That ſhe is a double Vſurpreſſe, in detaining not only *Elaiana* from her right, but the very fiſh of the Sea alſo from their habitation; That ſhe lives upon others idleneſſe; That her ſtate is patch'd up of depredations; That ſhe is the rendevous of all ſchiſmatickes; that if one wanted a religion, he might have his choice there; That God and nature never intended her for a manſion to rationall creatures, ſhe being deſtitut of the moſt neceſſary things that conduce to maintaine them; That ſhe burnes up her earth before the day of judgment; That whereas her *willowes* were uſd to bee of a pliable and humble nature, they are degenerated lately to *Trees* of a tougher *bulke*, yea into *ſtubborne poplars*; ſo that if occaſion were offered, the *Oke* and the *Vine* would find it a harder taske to ſuppreſſe them, then ever they had to raiſe them; That in her negotiations with *Druina* and *Ampelona* ſhee hath turnd *entreating* to treating: That ſhe hath beene the Incendiary directly or collaterally of all the combuſtions that have happened this ſide the line, ever ſince her revolt from the *Olive*; That ſhe is a forge of falſe Coynes, whereby ſhe hath damnified *Elaiana* as much as any other way, by importing counterfait ſtampes: that ſhee hath rare inventions to export Gold and Silver, to raiſe or depreſſe their rates, and abaſe the allay; That ſhe hath reaches beyond *IEVVE*, or *GENOWAY* in new wayes of *Vſury*, in *Bankes*, *Lotteries*, and *Lombards*, in *bargaining* and *bartering*, *for ſhee will make the Fox tayle pay for the whole ſkinne*; That ſhe marr's her neighbours Markets abroad, underſelling them in their owne commodities; That ſhee is growne extraordinary witty in deviſing new tortures, by fire and water, as ſhe made tryall lately upon the *Druinians in Baymona*: In fine that She is a neſt of Water Ratts, a mount of Piſmires, the Caterpiller Cankar and Cobwebbs that infects the *Olive* and hinders his further growth, the vermine that corrodes his mines.

Thus the *Elaianian Satyr* did rave, and rend the very ayre with his loud clamors, but in regard they are but the fruits of aduſted choler, and the evaporations of a vindicative ſpirit, *Itelia* needs not much care for them, beſides *ſhe muſt give looſers leave to ſpeak*. For my own particular, I profeſſe to reſpect and love *Itelia* for divers regards, yea, I admire the *Itelians* for their induſtry and inventions at ſhore & ſea, where they *ſwim like Elephants, whiles other wade like ſheep*, and indeed they are the only doers of miracles in theſe moderne times, for they force an habitation with infinite expence and paines out of the very jawes of *Neptune*, by checking his impetuous billowes, and teaching the world, *how much art, can curbe and controule Nature.*

I love them for their cleanlineſſe, in their food, fabrickes, and ſhipping; for their ſingular parſimony, for their perſeverance, and indefatigable purſute of their deſignes at home and abroad, For that rare unitie and unanimous zeale they have to the common good, which is ſuch that ſo many differing *Groves* ſeeme to be but one *Tree* girt about with the cincture of concord.

I wonder at them for their prudent and equall diſtribution of wealth, not one amongſt them being exceſſive rich or exceſſive poore, nor upon any part of the earth fewer beggars, it being as rare to ſee one there, as it had been to have met with a Poet in *Platoes* common-wealth. I honour them for their exactneſſe in military diſcipline, for no where is the marching Souldier more regular; I commend them for their plain downe-right dealing, and punctuality in payment of cambios, contracts and the Souldiers Salary, and herein give me the ſervice of a common-wealth, rather than a kingdome; And laſtly, I muſt love them in regard they are the ſureſt confederates of *Druina*, for I know not, where elſe ſhe can picke out a *faſt friend, or repoſefull confident* of ſuch reciprocall intereſt, and whoſe politicke ends are ſo concentricke; a friend that will *ſhine with her in the darke*, if need be, as old *willowes* uſe to doe: That ſhe helpes away *Druina* with many of her *ſuperfluous Graffs*, and breeds her military Inſtruments, and touching the mutuall dependency of conſervation betweene them, that Embleme of the two pitchers ſwimming together repreſenting *Druina* *and Itelia* with this motto, *Si concutimur, frangimur,* carieth with it a great deale of truth. I reſpect her that ſhe ſtucke cloſe to *Druina* in two great actions; one of *defence,* the other of *offence* againſt *Elaiana*; And could *Elaiana* have brought her intentions home to her aym, as to have rangd all *Leoncia* to an entire obedience, and ſo have made her her chiefe rendevous, and magazin of inſtruments of warre, and *Academy* of armes, what juſt danger and perpetuall concuſſions of feare, ſhe would have ſtruck into *Druina and Ampelona* alſo, one of a meane capacity and foreſight may eaſily judge.

And now that *Itelia* is come to ſo convenient and ſettled ſubſiſtence, it were no unwholeſome adviſe that ſhe would take for her motto,

----*Nil ultra, hic terminus eſto.*

A true maxime it is, and ever hath beene, that, *that ſtate which goeth out of the liſts of mediocrity, paſſeth alſo the limits of ſafety*: there is a cloud of examples to this purpoſe: while *Sparta* kept her ſelfe within thoſe boundaries that *Lycurgus* preſcrib'd unto her, ſhe was both ſafe and flouriſhing;but attempting to enlarge her territories by new acqueſts of other Cities in *Greece* and *Aſia,* ſhee went every day declining: But what need I rake the aſhes of antiquity for inſtances ſo farre off? Let *Adriana* her ſure friend and confederat forewarne her,who no longer then *one age agoe,*thinking by offenſive undertakings upon her neighbours to *ſpread her wings wider, was like to mewe all her feathers.*

Therefore *Itelia* ſhould doe well, to ſtand now chiefly upon the defenſive, ſpecially neere home, *for it is no leſſe prudence, to preſerve then purchaſe,* And if ſhe thinks to grapple more, I feare it will weaken her hold, and muſt needs prejudice ſome places which now *flouriſh* with commerce under her, that have riſen out of the ruines of theſe ſhe goeth about to faſten upon further, and beſides (which is not the leaſt thing to be thought upon) it will breed ſcruples and ombrages of doubts in her confederats, and draw on her ſelfe more envie then ſhe is aware of.

It is not improper that the *Itelian* is compard to the *Ant* for his ſedulity and labour; and let him ſtill continue an *Ant*, for if he thinke to turne to a *fly*, *Elaiana* will tell him ſhe hath a proverb, *that God gives winges to the Ant, that ſhe may deſtroy her ſelfe the ſooner.*

The truth is, that *Jtelia* is *growne* up, by an extraordinary induſtry, to a mighty height and ſubſiſtence of wealth, and navigable power: and the world is now at that paſſe, that he who is Lord of the *Sea*, is alſo of the *ſhore*; Nor I dare avouch, did the *Roman republicke* though as well ſwadled in her infancy, as any that ever was, come neere her in ſo ſhort a time, and ſome obſerve that in her proceedings ſhe drawes to a neare analogie with the *Roman*, whoſe two moſt advantagious vertues in caſting the foundation of that vaſt monarchy, was *paines, and parſimony*; for the firſt, ſhe is admirable, ſpecially at Sea, where She ſwimmes like the great Leviathan, and carrieth away *Druina's* fiſh by whole fleets, turning them abroad into preſent treaſure, or bartering them for rich commodities; and this may be ſaid to be one of the maine ſtaples of her commerce. It is *trafficke* that gives her a *being*, in the myſtery whereof ſhe over-reacheth all others, for navigation being her only trade, and having little or no lands at all to manure, ſhe digges into the bowels of the deep, and having had in times paſs'd but a few fiſher boates, ſhe now diſplayeth her colours through all parts of the vaſt Ocean, where any of the windes blow, which from the number of *foure* ſhee firſt brought to a ſubdiviſion of *two and thirty*, And of theſe *foure worthies* which compaſſed the terreſtriall Globe one was hers, two of the other of *Druna.*

And it ſeemes Nature her ſelfe hath purpoſely deſign'd her Natives and the Country it ſelfe for *Navigation and Negotiation*; *Them*, as I ſaid before by a dextrous kind of *propenſity*, the *Country*, by apt *poſition*; For many mighty rivers paſſing through her Territories to diſimboke themſelves into the Ocean, they may bee ſaid to pay *her* tribute as well as to Neptune; which rivers *branching* themſelves into large and bearing ſtreames, doe ſo fitly ſerve one another, and all the whole, that it ſeemes dame Nature, in framing humane bodies did not diſcover more providence in the diſtribution of veines and arteries for the eaſie conveyance of bloud into each part, as ſhe hath ſhewd here in diſperſing, and diſpoſing of thoſe waters ſo orderly for trafficke. Theſe Rivers bring her what the large continent of *Rhenuſium*, and other Eaſterne dominions uſe to affoord, and ſhe lying betweene them and the Sea, furniſheth them with all ſorts of far fetchd forren commodities; Thus ſhe makes a rare vertue of neceſſity, for having almoſt nothing of her owne, yet She abounds with all things.

Furthermore it is obſerved that war, which uſeth to *impoveriſh* others, *enricheth* her, for navall prizes make up a good part of her wealth; But while *want* and *war* makes her thus trot up and downe, it is queſtiond, if her *plants* were *rooted* in ſome ſelfe ſufficient ſoyle, whether they would ſtill continue ſo induſtrious; or whether they would ſubſiſt as well if they were ſuffered to reſt in a ſupine and perfect peace, as they have done hitherto in war; peace leaving every one to attend his particular pleaſure or profit, while the apprehenſions of feare in time of warre make all concur for the common ſafety: And the long familiar habitude, they have had of armes is ſuch, that they have as much certaintie in their art of *War*, as others have in theirs of *peace*.

Touching theſe doubts I will not undertake their deciſion, but leave it to them, who have felt the pulſe of their diſpoſitions longer then I. There is no part of the habitable earth, conſidering the ſmall circuit of territory *Leoncia* hath, where there is a greater number of martiall inſtruments, for the *Olive* cut his *Ragged ſtaffe* out of one of theſe *Groves*, at firſt, where there is alſo a greater confluence of all ſorts of exoticke plants, and where one may find more differing rites, cuſtomes and tempers of humors. They that border upon *Ampelona* are quicke, vivacious and approaching the converſable nature of their neighbours: They that *ſpring* up in the middle part, which are the right *Leoncians*, ſomewhat more ſlow, and retird. The *Itelians* diſcrepant from both, reſpectleſſe of gentry, of few words, for they *barrell* up commonly more then they can *broach*, and ſo may be ſaid to be like a great *bottle* with a narrow necke; yet are they moſt cunning and circumſpect in negotiating, ſpecially when they have bin tampering with the *Vine* or the *hop*, and are dabbled a little with their liquor. They are of a homely out-ſide, and heavie in action, which heavineſſe is recompenced with two notable advantages, *ad-viſedneſſe* and *perſeverance*, mighty friends to great attempts; And all this may be imputed to the property of the ſoyle it ſelfe, which being all twixt marſh and mooriſh, hath ſuch a qualifying force, that when *plants* of a more vivacious temper come to *ingraft* amongſt the *Willowes and Oſiers*, their *imps* preſently partake rather of the nature of the *ſoyle*, then the *ſtocke*, and ſo doe all animals elſe.

Having thus travers'd the diameter of *Ampelona*, viſited *Elaiana*, paſs'd through *Leoncia*, and taken ſuch a painefull ſurvay of *Itelia*, and her *aſſociated Groves*, I ſhould ſeeme injurious to *Druina* to have ſaluted her ſo ſlightly; Therefore I will re-imbarke and ſteere my courſe thither againe, and then proceed in my maine deſigne.

OF
DRVINA.

AND now methinkes I am arrived in a *little new world*, ſo ſelfe ſufficient that ſhe ſeemes as it were to thruſt away from her all the world beſides, as being a *ſubſtantive that can ſtand by it ſelfe.*

This is ſhee upon whom the beames of true piety did ſhine in the very infancy, for no ſooner had the *Roman* Eagles beene there diſplaid, but the *ſtandard* of the croſſe appeard: The firſt *Emperour* and *King* that ever marchd under that banner iſſuing out of her bowels. This is ſhe, who had *three great Kings* her Captives at once, who made *one* of her royall *Okes* carry away in triumph *Ampelonas Lillies* upon his victorious *branches* where they have *growne* and *bloſſomd* ever ſince. The *Imperiall Cedar* ſervd under her colours, quartering his armes with hers, and receiving pay himſelfe; And in that *Martiall Forreſt* of *Ampelona*, her exploits were ſo admirable, that it hath beene queſtiond, and that by no *meane Critickes*, whe-

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ther her's there, or ſometimes *Rome's* high feates of armes againſt the *Hannibalian* Carthage were more difficult and glorious.

This is ſhee that performd ſuch coſtly expeditions and Martiall pilgrimages to the upper world, and in her voyage thither (as a revenge for inhoſpitality) conquerd the *Citherean Iſle,* and for her exemplary prowes was offered the Crowne of the *holieſt of Citties,* and more then once the Imperiall diademe of the weſterne world; Her Monarques living in that ſublimity and largeneſſe of repute, that they were taken to bee the common Arbiters of Soveraigne quarrells up and downe the world. In fine, this is ſhe who of late yeares rayſd the *Willowes* to ſuch a height from a company of *Shrubbs,* by preſerving them from being cruſhed by the *ragged Staffe* of that *broad ſpreading Olive Elaianas King,* whom ſhe exhauſted and reduced to ſuch an exigent, that by publique Declaration he proclaimd himſelfe inſolvent of thoſe vaſt ſummes hee had taken upon credit; whereby it was then ſayd, *Hee made more ill faces up and downe amongſt the Banquiers on the Exchanges, then ever that famous Painter Michael Angelo made good.* This is ſhe who cloathes not onely her owne natives and circumiacent neighbours, but the remoteſt regions of the earth with her rich fleeces, where the innocent creatures that beare them in that exuberancy, being free from the affrightments of all ſavage and rapacious animalls, feed ſecurely upon the luxurious honyſuckled earth, which dame nature, by a moſt exact diſtribution (as if ſhe had wantoniz'd and plaied the Bawd with her ſelfe) hath cut out into varieties of ſportfull plaines, fertile valleyes, and delightfull hills, whoſe bowells in ſundry places are pregnant either with inexhauſtible veines of moſt uſefull, and well concocted mineralls, or neceſſary fuell: No Region abounds more with

Chaſes, Parkes, Woods, Groves, and goodly Trees, and of all other, *Druina* is beholden to Trees, for with their *Boughs* a good part of her preſerved it ſelfe from the enemy by a *notable ſtratageme* : Her lower region ſwarmes with all ſorts of fowle, her Rivers with fiſh, and her Seas with whole ſhoales and mountaines of them, which her neighbours know too well. This is ſhe which for the benignity of the clime is called the *female Paradiſe*, and not without good Iudgement did *that great Archflamin* give her youth the attribute of Angels, ſhee produceth ſuch pure complexions. And the heavenly (bodies it ſeemes) worke not here outwardly onely, but they have an interne inclinatory operation upon the motions of the mind alſo in a different manner from others, for her natives are not ſo light and airie, as her *next tranſmarin neighbours*, nor ſo affectedly grave and ſlow as *others*, nor ſo dull and heavy as *thoſe* of that *ſoyle*, whence they were firſt *tranſplanted*, but of a middle compoſed temper, ſymbolizing neareſt with them of *Bombycina* ; And it is well knowne, that the *Druinian* hath bin evrey where ſo cryed up for an innated integrity, that before he mingled with Forreners, and ſo by *Coalition* with them grew more Mercuriall ; he was accounted the uprighteſt dealer of any other upon earth, and to this day hee retaines much of his primitive eſteeme, that in divers places abroad, his very *word* will countervaile the *bond or pawne* of another.

To conclude, this may be termd the land of fortune, and a microcoſme of her ſelfe, which by the gentle influence of the ſtarres, abounds with that affluence of all things, that for hoſpitality among her owne, and towards all commers elſe ther's not her parallell: her delight is to have *old Trees* without dores, and old *ſervants* within ; And indeed ſo plentifull ſhe is in hoſpitality, that I have heard *Druina* taxd abroad, that too many in her, do uſd to *digge their owne graves with their teeth*: Beſides, ſome thinke that ſince the *hop* hath got amongſt them, her *Trees* being ſubject to be fild with ſtones and gravell, it hinders the *length* of their *growth*, withall, t'is obſervd the *Grape* doth them no good, being of late yeares uſd to be ſo ſophiſticated with ſulphury heterogeneous mixtures; Adde hereunto their *too early inoculations*; And that *odde kind of ſmoake* which hath fatally got amongſt them, and being ſo exceſſively ſuckd, muſt needs dry up their *radicall moyſture*, and ſo haſten their *fall*: but all this is accidentall: I will end with one property *Druina* is cried up for, above all other, that when Forreiners, though *ſprung* up under the daintieſt climes take once *rooting* in her, ſhe makes them quickly forget their owne homes: As if the *lotus grew* only here, the vertue of whoſe fruit is, to cauſe in the eaters an oblivion of all other ſoyles; and indeed the *lotus* of all other *Trees* hath moſt affinity with the *Oke*.

There is no place upon the habitable earth, where the muſes have two ſuch dainty *Groves of Laurels*, ſo choice and rich ſeates, which both for plentifull exhibitions, and ſumptuous edifices of that kind are unparaleld: They perpetually *produce hopefull young cions*, which *germinat* with all kind of knowledge, and come by degrees to a perfect *maturity*, whereby ſhe is alwaies furniſhed with *nurſeries* of *ſcientificall graffes*, which ſhe diſperſeth up and downe to unfold the ſacred Oracles, for which ſhe is now as renowned, as ſome times ſhe was for her *Druyds*; And for a cumble of all felicity piety ſhines here in her genuine true luſtre, neither adulterated with any forc'd colours to ſet a ſpecious gloſſe upon her, by any phantaſticke forme of outward ceremony; Nor is ſhe bereavd of ſuch decent robes and rites (whereof ſome *fanaticke ſpirits* would ſtrip her ſtarke naked) that may make her appeare in a venerable and comely garb: This ſtately Forreſt hath multitudes of gentle *lodges*, and ſtrong *retraites*, amongſt which the great Emporiall *Tamiſond* is the prime, which take all her dimenſions together, (for ſhe hath not the advantage of the circular figure) with her ſuburbian, and conterminent fabrickes, may well compare in magnitude and number of ſoules with the greateſt aſſembly of houſes in the lower world. For wealth and an ubiquitary commerce, none can exceed her, And for government diurnall and nocturnall with a grave rich and magnificent magiſtracy, ther's not her fellow. The proud River which makes her bed at her feet is arched over with ſuch a curious pile of ſtones, that, conſidering the rapid courſe of the deepe ſtreame that roares under it, may well take place amongſt the wonders of the world; The *Nereian goddeſſe* comes twice every naturall day foureſcore thouſand paces off to viſit her, to render her thankes as it were, for the rich tribute ſhe uſeth to pay her. Here is the Imperiall chamber of *Druinas* Monarque, the prime rendevous of Nobles and Gentry, the ſole ſtaple of the Marchant, all the prime tribunalls of juſtice and equity, and no where is the criminall part thereof ſo cautiouſly executed, or the life of the meaneſt *ſhrub* more valued, I could wiſh the civill part were anſwerable in point of expedition, and that *John an Okes* had not ſo many turnings and windings in this Forreſt. In ſumme, this is the epitome of all *Druina*, ſo that ſome have askd abroad whether *Druina* bee in *Tamiſond*, or *Tamiſond in Druina*; And herein (and that not undeſervedly) *Druina* is taxd abroad of a ſolæciſme in her government, that ſhe ſhould ſuffer to run into one *Grove*, that ſap which ſhould go to vegetat the whole *Forreſt*;

ſo that ſome have compard *Tamiſond to the ſpleene in the naturall body, by whoſe ſwelling the other members become ill affected*; whereas her forren neighbours, by a wholeſome diſtribution appropriat ſome ſtaple commodity or peculiar charter of commerce to ſeverall places, whereby they equally *flouriſh*, grow *populous, potent and opulent*.

A
CHARACTER OF
CARDENIA.

TOwards the ſeptentrionall corners of *Druina*, there ſtands another *Forreſt* which ſerves her for a ſhelter as t'were againſt bluſtering *Boreas*, well *ſet*, but nothing *ſo thick*, with *ſtout and tough Trees* (*though growne ſomewhat knobby of late*) of a different *plantation* and policy, which hath beene but lately *co-afforeſted* with her: at that time when ſhe threw the *fortunat caſt of ſice-ace*, and when to her *three* former Lions, there was a *fourth* added for her defence, which made *Druina* verifie that, which all former ages held for a Paradox, and take for the burthen of her ſong (and I hope there will be never cauſe to the contrary:)

Omne bonum nobis ex Aquilone venit.

An ancient *Forreſt* ſhe is, for ſhe pretends to ſhew a continued uninterrupted ſucceſſion of above one hundred Kings.

As at other times, ſo ſpecially this laſt halfe century of yeares, ſhe hath produced many ventrous and martiall ſpirits, who for their proweſſe in the North eaſt parts have purchas'd a great eſteeme.

A long time the royall *Vine* made uſe of her *Trees* as of *matches* to ſet *Druina* a fire, whenſoever ſhe attempted any thing againſt him, puzling her with unlucky diverſions, therefore the *Vine* reſerves to this day a *row* of them about him for his ſafety. This caus'd many of the *Martiall Okes* to make ſundry ſhrewd inrodes into *Cardenia*, ſo far as to bring away her Kings Captive, and make *ſome* of them breath their laſt in battaile; But now for the greater glory of *Druina*, they are both *ingrafted* upon one *ſtocke* into one body politicke, and receive mutuall benefit from each other, the one *ſappe*, the other *ſtrength*; For by this conjunction, I hope, *Druina* may reſt ſecure, that the *Lillies* ſhall never hereafter make uſe of the *Thiſtle* againſt *her Roſes*; And ſo ſhee may prove *Carduus Benedictus* unto her.

A
CHARACTER OF
MONTICOLIA.

TOwards the hilly corners of *Druina* remaine yet her very *Aborigenes*, and ancient Indigenæ, the firſt *nurſery* of *Plants*, that *ſprouted* out of her, fatally thruſt amongſt an Aſſembly of mountaines. They long time wraſtled and ſtrenuouſly tug'd for their libertie, and that with a no leſſe magnanimous then conſtant pertinacity, yea when they were reduced to a handfull, hem'd in betweene thoſe hills, they did notable feates ; At laſt being over ſet with multitudes (which hath beene the fortune of the braveſt ſpirits upon earth) they choſe to *bow* a little, rather then *breake*. Yet with this proviſo, that the Princely *ſpray* which ſhould be their *toppe Tree*, ſhould *ſpring* forth from amongſt themſelves : So *prevalent is the inſtinct of nature, and energie of fancy they beare to their owne ſoyle.*

And very remarkable it is, that after the revolution of above one thouſand yeares, and ſo many turmoyles and changes of governments and maſters, (*Druina* having *foure* times yeelded to the fury of forren force) the juſt hand of providence ſhould bring the *royall Oke* to *ſprout* againe out of this ancient *ſtocke*, and that *Druina* ſhould reſume, and be knowne againe by her primitive *denomination*; A race of reſolute *ſtout Trees* they are, much valuing the antiquitie of their *growth*, and ſo abounding with mettall and heat, that they quickly take fire, and become *touch-wood*; they often *claſh* their *branches* one againſt the other, and very ſenſible they are of parting with the leaſt drop of *ſappe*.

The Trident-bearing God hath not ſuch ſecure and commodious inlets, or rather a *Gallerie of Cloſſets*, to court and imboſome himſelfe into our Grandame Earth, in all the vaſt expanded Ocean.

The *prime* of the nine *Hero's* (*whom beſide that which is fabulous, there is truth enough to make famous*) was a *plant of this growth*, by whoſe conqueſts *Druina* may lay juſt clayme (though ſhe had no other) not only to *Lurana*, but other dominions alſo, nay if firſt diſcovery may entitle a right, to *Columbina* alſo, which as *ſome* ſtrongly conjecture, was found out by a ſtraying *Prince* of *Monticolia* ſeven ages ſince: And this preſumption is drawne from the analogy of ſpeech, wherein there are diverſe words that are the ſame in both languages, both for *ſound and ſenſe*, with other traces and markes. The moſt admird of all prophane Prophets whoſe predictions have beene ſo much ſcann'd and cried up, and are yet valued up and downe the world, did vaticinate here: And the *firſt Monaſtery* that ever the world had, wherein the ſacred fire of Chriſtian piety did burne, was amongſt theſe mountaines, the ſparkles whereof flew ſo far, that diverſe Regions, which groapd before in the darke corners of paganiſme, were enlightned thereby.

Beſides obſervable it is, what a precious bleſſing is lately found out (having beene reſerved and lockd up as it were all this while in Natures bowels) to make this moſt ancient part of *Druina* happy now in the decrepit age of the world; A rich *mine* and *generative mint* of treaſure, the gainefull returnes whereof, exceed more and more the labour and charge of thoſe multitudes that are hourely ſet a worke thereby.

A CHARACTER OF LVRANA.

OPpoſit to *Monticolia Lurana* ſtands, ſeparated by a moſt boyſterous and working ſea; ſhe is repleniſh'd and very thicke ſet with ſtrong and *well trunked Trees* of all ſorts, reduc'd at laſt to a perfect obedience to *Druinas* diademe partly by voluntary *reddition* & deſire of *protection*, and partly by *conqueſt*: A multiplying and healthy ſpacious *Forreſt* ſhe is, plentifully furniſhd with all thoſe benefits, that aire, earth, and water uſe to affoord for neceſſity or pleaſure. There are no where ſuch huge ponds and freſh lakes, with goodly rivers and ſafe maritime harbours inviting forren commerce, the ſoyle fatt and luxurious in diverſe places, and antipatheticall to all *venemous* creatures, as *Druina* her neighbour is to all *ravenous*; Her lower region is ſtird, and rarified with freſh quickning windes more frequently then other *Forreſts*, which makes her leſſe ſubject to contagious diſeaſes; ſo that I beleeve the ſaying of that *Elaianian Generall* (who being asked what he thought of *Lurana*, anſwered; That when the ill ſpirit proffered our *Saviour* all the kingdomes of the earth, he verily beleeved he intended to have ſtill reſerv'd *Lurana* for himſelfe) proceeded rather from the reſentment of the ill ſucceſſe and diſgracefull repulſes hee had there, then from any ſound judgment, or demerit of the Country; Nor can I ſubſcribe to him that ſaid *LURANA was a good Countrey for them onely to live in, who wanted a Countrey, that ſhee is a fripperie of Bankerupts, who flie thither from Druina to play their after-game.* The *plants* here are of a *ſtrenuous Bulke*, agile and very patient of hardneſſe, though not of labour, for the greateſt fault of this great *FORREST* is, that ſhee ſwarmes with too many *Drones*, whereby Shee may bee called *inſignis, ſed ſegnis terra,* Somewhat incompoſed they are in their trimming, extraordinary tender (and ſo are the brute Animalls alſo) of their young ones, crafty and of a paſſable reach of underſtanding, light of beliefe and great liſtners after newes, which may bee imputed to the long time of their unſettled government, fearing alwaies ſome innovation or imminent danger, And by reaſon of their frequent revolts they have drawn upon themſelves the preſſures of war ſo often, that it ſeems to have ſomewhat cowed their ſpirits, as may be gather'd from the very accent of their words, which they prolate in a whining kind of querulous tone, as if they were ſtill complaining & creſt-fallen; nor do they beleeve to have come yet to the worſt, for they have an old prophecy *that the time will come when Lurana ſhall weepe o're the Druinians graves.* Before this *rough forreſt* was civillizd, and *trim'd* by *Druina*, ſhe had peculiar lawes & cuſtoms of her own, but ſome of them were ſuch that as one ſaid, *if they had been practis'd in Hell, they would have turnd up tupſiturvie the very kingdome of Satan,* Some of *Druinas* Monarckes made voyages thither in their own perſons; and many of the royall *ſtemme* were ſent to governe, but alwayes one of her *prime Elmes*, to whom I read of foure generall ſubmiſſions that were made: but the conqueſt could not bee conſummated till of late yeares, which may be imputed to ſome errors in the courſe of civill and martiall policy.

It was the practiſe of that *ſelfe admiring miſtreſſe* of the laſt Monarchy, into all Countries where ſhe tooke footing, with the *lance* to bring in her *language*, and lawes; This was not done here, but the Natives were left ſtill incapable of *Druinas* lawes, which only extended to her owne *plantations*: So that the law of the Conqueror, did neither protect their lifes, nor revenge their deaths, for it was no felony to *fell downe* any of them, yea in time of peace: Nor in civill cauſes could they implead or commence ſute againſt any of the *Druinians,* or *imbud, ingraffe, inſoliat* or *inoculat* upon any of them unleſſe he were formerly infranchizd by charter of denization; ſo that the meere *Luranians* were reputed, out-lawes, enemies and *Aliens* in their owne ſoyle; But this may be aſcrib'd not ſo much to the policy of *Druina,* as to the great ones that came thither from her to *plant* themſelves and puſh on a fortune, who diſſwaded the communication of *Druinas* lawes to the natives, becauſe they might oppreſſe, ſpoyle, rob, *peele, proyne*, and *grubbe* them up at pleaſure; In theſe unſettled times many of *Druina,* and of late yeares of *Cardenia* alſo tooke firme rooting in the beſt and *fatteſt ſoyles* of *Lurana*, ſo that they are growne ſince to a notable *height*; Amongſt whom (now that I treat of *Trees*) the *Corke* did thrive wonderfully, and no doubt but by a ſingular benediction from above, the *dew of* *heaven* falling ſo plentifully upon his endeavours, as appeares in all his *branches*, which he ſees *grafted* upon noble *ſcutcheons*, and honourable *ſhields*; ſo that he may be call'd the *miracle of his time*, all things conſidered.

Another reaſon that hindred a ſettled peace, and period of this conqueſt, was thoſe vaſt proportions of lands which were diſtributed among *Druinas* Adventurers, which were ſuch, that the whole *Forreſt* was in a manner cantonizd amongſt a very few in number, of whom ſome had regall rights, there being eight County Palatines at once where the royall writ could not runne; They had alſo implicit Commiſſion left to diſcretion, and not tied to any regular forme of *plantation*; And thoſe huge tracts of ground they lorded over begat *wealth*, wealth uſherd in *pride*, and pride tumultuary *contentions* amongſt themſelves, which gave the *Luranians* advantage to fiſh in thoſe troubled waters for their liberty, and make often encroachments upon them; *But had the Oke himſelfe gone to the Forreſt, the inferior Trees had not ſhot up ſo high.*

Another miſtake was, that the firſt undertakers made ill choice of the ſeates of their habitations; for they erected forts and houſes in the open plains, turning the Natives into the Woods and places of faſtneſſe, whence they made eruptions and retraicts at pleaſure, and whereas *Cæſar* ſometimes ſpake of the *Scythians*, *Difficilius erat invenire, quam vincere*;

Theſe were the over-ſights in civill policy, now there were alſo ſome in the conduct of the martiall affaires; firſt, the ſmall handfulls of Souldiers *Druina* ſent, which came either unſeaſonably, or ill accommodated and payed. Then the cold purſute of the maine deſigne, which like fire newly kindled under *greene wood*, was often made to flaſh a little, and ſo left to goe out. So that for the reduction of this ſpacious *Forreſt* to a perfect rule of obedience, ***Druina*** ſtood all this while in her owne light, and could *not ſee the Wood for Trees*: untill there *ſprung* up a notable *Virago* a Princely female, for whom it ſeemes the high hand of providence had as it were pointed out, and reſervd this exploit; who beſides the ſuppreſſion of ſome inteſtiue rebellions in her owne *Forreſt*, the rayſing of *Itelia* to a free and faire *Grove* of *Willowes*, and reaching her Princely *boughs* to ſettle the Crowne of *Ampelona* upon the right royall *Vine*, beſides the navall wars with *Elaiana*, and ſundry other coſtly diverſions, yet ſhe made a full and finall conqueſt of *Lurana*; And this worke was done in a fulneſſe of time, and concurrence of all felicity, when her *royall ſucceſſor* was to bring *another* Soveraigne Crowne to aggrandize, and adde to the Imperiall and triumphant glory of *Druina*. Her predeceſſors in their courſe of governement did but ſometimes caſt up the ground, and ſo leaving it fallowe, it became quickly oregrowne with *weeds*; But ſhee like a great houſwife did caſt *ſeed* into it, ſowing therein her owne lawes, and utterly extirpating all other; ſhe did *ingraffe* all upon one *ſtocke*, making no difference twixt the *Luranian* and them of *Druina*, by which coalition ſhe received all alike into her immediat protection under the ſafe *ſhadow* of her Royall *branches*, making the beames of juſtice to bee equally diſplayed upon all with like luſtre. Yet for all this there was little returne of the vaſt expence of treaſure that might have ſerved to purchaſe as great a Crowne, which was imployed to compaſſe theſe ends, nor could *Lurana* though a moſt copious Countrey of her ſelfe, bee brought by any parſimonious policy to ſupport her ſelfe, but ſtill *Druina* muſt part with her very radicall moyſture, and waſt her owne vitall ſpirits to preſerve her authority there, untill that of late yeares the royall *Oke* did light upon *Count Rhodophill* (a ſtout and ſolid inſtrument moſt proper for ſo *knotty* a taske, as well for courage as Counſell, and cut out for government and high affaires) who balancing all matters in the ſcales of his high and ſpacious underſtanding, hath ſo rectified all obliquities, beginning firſt with the vindication of wrongs done to the houſe of the Almighty; And ſo regulated the exorbitant expences both civill and military, that the old arrearages under which that Crown had long gron'd being defrayed, he hath brought *Lurana* to uphold and maintaine her ſelfe, and returne *Druina* for her protection, fruitfulneſſe, and reducement to civility, a ſetled tribute proportionable to her greatneſſe and plenty; *So happie and advantagious* it is, *for a Prince to employ an able and idoneous Miniſter for the conduct of his ſtate affaires*; He hath woun'd up the ſtrings of that *Muſicall inſtrument* (which *Lurana* gives for her creſt) ſo dextrouſly, and tuned her *Orpheus*-like (who in times paſt by his melodious ſtraines made *the very Trees* to follow him) to ſuch a key, that ſhe never gave a truer note; And indeed the right way was never hit upon, untill now; *Druina's* Majeſty never ſtood ſo high a tiptoe, nor ſhind with a greater luſtre; The Soveraigne power which *Druinas* Monarcke uſeth to tranſmit for ruling and regulating that *rough Forreſt*, was never ſo individed and entire in the perſon of one, whereas before ſome of the great ones caried themſelves in that height, as if they had beene *Colleagues* with him: The ſcales of Iuſtice never mov'd more equally, for whereas before matters paſs'd through a *large grate*, they may be ſaid to be ſifted now through a ſilken ſive: commerce never flouriſhed more; And the military forces (*which are the ſinewes, and beſt ſecurity of a conquerd Countrey,*) were never better appointed, more exactly diſciplind, and punctually paid; And whereas before, all places of profit and honour were either ingroſs'd or foreſtall'd by *reverſionary grants* (*the bane and bug-beares of induſtry*) or confer'd upon unworthy and ill affected Miniſters, *Druinas* Monarque may now exerciſe all acts of grace and bounty with more freedome and choice; *A ſingular incitement and golden ſpurre to vertuous and active ſpirits*; Laſtly, the royall deſmeſnes and treaſure was never more improv'd, for whereas formerly *Lurana* ſervd as a gooſe for every one to plucke, her feathers goe only now to fill the pillow of the Crown: So that putting all this together, *Lurana* may ſay as once that *ſeven hild Citie* which was *head* of the laſt *Monarchy* (and pretends to be ſtill of the *Hierarchie*) did ſay, *Lateritia fui, futura ſum marmorea.*

But I have *wandred* too long in this *Forreſt*, I will now hoiſe ſayle, and returne to *Druina*, where I ſhall fixe my ſelfe a while, but in regard the wind is not faire, I will ſtay a little, and ſpend the time to deduce out of what hath beene ſpoken this ſhort Corollarie.

Touching the relation that *Druina* with her united Crownes, hath to other ſtates, it is to be conſidered, that the power of this part of the world, is balanced betweene the *Oke*, the *Vine*, and the *Olive*; as for the CEDAR, and others, they ſhall come in hereafter.

Elaiana hath the advantage of both the other in treaſure, but ſhee is *thinne planted*, hath diverſe *nurſeries* to ſupply, many irons perpetually in the fire, wants Corne, her dominions lye ſcattered, hath bold acceſſible coaſts, and the conveyance of her Bullion from *Columbina* ſubject to bee intercepted in the paſſage; And ſhould *Druina* breake out againe into any traverſes of Warre, and ſerious Hoſtilitie with her, *Druina* hath lately got no ſmall advantage of her, by acqueſt of thoſe Iſlands which lye in the Carreere to *Columbina*, which ſhe colonizeth, and fortifieth dayly more and more.

Ampelona is *thick ſet*, and abounds with ſtirring Spirits, lyeth cloſe together; and being roundiſh and paſſable, no one part is farre from ſuccouring each other: Shee ſuper-abounds with Corne, which is quickly convertible to Coyne; and being the common Mart and Thorow-Faire, lying in the middle of ſo many great Neighbours, can never want Money: Inſomuch, that if you goe to the intrinſique value of things, ſhee will not, in regard of theſe Advantages, want much in weight, of the huge *bulke* of *Elaiana*.

Druina being ſurrounded with the Sea, and having alwayes ſo many *moving* invincible Caſtles in Centinell, is hardly to be invaded; her King being ſayd to keepe *as a Tortoiſe in his ſhell*, and having many other Inſularie advantages. So that it may be very properly ſayd of the *Oke*, as the holy *Prophet* ſpeakes of another great *Tree*; *That the Waters make him great, and the Deepe ſets him on high.*

Druina would hardly be able to deale with any of the other ſingle, unleſſe upon the Defenſive; but joynd with *Itelia*, ſhe can give them both Law at Sea; and confederating with either of the other two, ſhe is able to oppreſſe the third.

Now, the onely entire Head that confronts *Elaiana's* greatneſſe, and is the *Remora* that ſtops her progreſſe, is *Ampelona*: Therefore, that ſaying carryeth with it a great deale of Truth, and no leſſe Caution; *That the day of the ruine of* AMPELONA, *is the Eeve of the ſubverſion of* DRUINA. Therefore, from the time the *Olive* grew to be ſo great, *Druina* for ſtrong reaſons of State, hath inclind ever ſince, rather to maintaine *Ampelona*, then any way to enfeeble her. And *once*, when the adventrous *Vine* was taken priſoner by the *Olive*, which was about the time that the *Olive* began firſt to *ſhoot* out his *branches* ſo wide, the *Oke* did contribute to ranſome him.

Moreover, in *that* memorable great *Incendium*, which rag'd ſo long by intermiſſive fitts throughout the whole Body of *Ampelona*; to quench which, *Elaiana*, out of pretence of zeále to Religion, ſent great Barrels of Water, though ſome ſay they were filld with Pitch and Oyle, which did rather encreaſe and feed the Fire: I ſay, at that time, when there was a Deſigne to Provinciate the whole Kingdome; *Druina*, though offerd a Canton, would not accept of it.

So then, this linke of mutuall conſervation enchaining them, the *Oke* may be preſumd to be a ſure Confederate of the *Vine* and the *Willowes* alſo, all the while they containe themſelves within thoſe bounds they are in, at preſent. But if they ſhould over-maſter the *Olive* in *Leoncia*, it would much alter the caſe.

No addition could make *Ampelona* more dangerous and ſuſpectfull to *Druina*, then *Leoncia*; for ſo it were farre worſe then if the *Olive* had all *Leoncia* ſolely to himſelfe, in regard they would fall into one continued and entire peece.

But to conclude, there cannot be a truer Maxime, for the ſafetie of *Druina* and her Confederates, then this of a *late great Stateſ-man*:

Decreſcat OLIVA, *nec creſcat* VITIS.

And thus have I finiſhed the *perambulation* of *Druina*, with all her *Pourliews*, and *Perquiſits*, together with her next tranſmarine neighbours, with whom ſhe hath moſt pratique and neceſſarie intelligence. I ſhould now paſſe to *Rhenuſium* (and ſo o're the Mountaines, to *Bombycina*) but that I am afraid to looſe my ſelfe in ſo vaſt a *Forreſt*, before I ſhould begin my promiſed Storie: Therefore I will deferre their Character to ſome emergent occaſion out of the matter it ſelfe, and in the *interim* reſume my ſubject, and returne to my firſt *Epoche*. But before I proceed, I will give the Reader this ſhort touch, that I doe not purpoſe, by this diſcourſe of *Trees*, to bring him into a *Labyrinth*, or impervious darke *Thicket*; for I know ſome, under borrowed Names and Types, have affected obſcuritie, of purpoſe to amuſe the Reader, and make themſelves admired for profound Reaches, when oftentimes their Fancies prove flat Impertinencies, and Non-ſenſe: No; the *Woods* that I will lead him into, ſhall be faire and open (as he may partly perceive, by what hath preceded) ſo that he may eaſily diſtinguiſh twixt the *kinds of Trees*; it ſhall be *lucus à lucendo*.

And imagine I am now returned to *Druina*; where I find all things *flouriſhing*, in a rare conjuncture of Peace, Securitie, Honour, and Plentie, under the *Branches* of the ſtately *Caledonian Oke*, newly ſetled in his triumphant Throne, begirt with *Cions* of his owne royall *Stemme*, and encircled with multitudes of ancient and nobly extracted *Elmes*, holy and reverend *Yewes*, learned *Laurels*, ſtout *Poplars*, with other goodly *Trees*; the *Lillies* and *Roſes* White and Red, did *bourgeon* round about him, the Muſes and Graces made Feſtivals, the

Faunes, Satyres, and Nymphs, did dance their Roundelayes, *all the Trees of the field did clap their hands*; and never were ſeene ſuch *Halcyonian* dayes: *The Saturnian times of Gold let none henceforth admire, behold a true Pearly Age.*

All the neighbouring *Forreſts* ſtood at a gaze, envying this high felicitie: The *Vine*, the *Firre*, the *Myrtle*, the *Willowes*, ſent to congratulate and comply with *Druina*; but above all other, the *Olive*, ſo ſhrewdly *ſhaken* before by her.

To performe which worke, the prime *Officer* of Honour *Elaiana* had by Land, was ſent Ambaſſadour, and that in a moſt high and courtly manner, to preſent the newly enthroniz'd OKE with a *Branch of Olive*, the Embleme of Peace, and *Elaiana's ancient Cogniſance*: Which being accepted, *Druina* in correſpondence of State, ſent her *prime Officer* at Sea, her *Thalaſſiarcha*, in ſuch a ſplendid equipage, that *Elaiana* rings of the renowne of it, to this day. The parts adjoyning to *Elaiana's* royall Court did ſo ſtrayne themſelves to entertaine and welcome him, with his numerous Traine, that ſome yeares paſſed, before they could recover themſelves many miles about: for ſo gratefull was his Errand, being an Embaſſie of Peace, and ſo bitter were the reſentments and fatall effects of the former Warre, that young and old did bleſſe him as he paſſed; deeming he had beene ſome Angell deſcended from Heaven, and that his attendants were ſome kind of *Seraphins*, they ſo admir'd their comelineſſe; which did unbeguile the vulgar of the odde opinion the *Loyoliſts* had formerly infuſed into them, by their concionatorie Invectives, That the *Druinians*, ſince they left *Petropolis*, were transform'd into ſtrange horrid ſhapes; ſome having Dogs heads, others Swines countenances, others huge tayles hanging behind them.

Such Ceremonies as theſe being mutually performd twixt *Druina* and her Confederates, and ſome other domeſtique Triumphs ended; the royall OKE (as well to expreſſe his Princely acknowledgement for his free and peacefull reception to *Druina's* Throne, without the leaſt motion of oppoſition or murmure, which uſually happen at ſuch Changes, (whereat the neighbouring Princes, ſpecially *Ampelona's* then Warlike Monarch, ſtood in a kind of admiration) which reception was accompanied alſo with unparallell'd acclamations of Epidemicall joy, as alſo for redreſſe of divers Grievances, rectifying of Enormities, and enacting wholeſome Lawes) ſent out Summons for a generall Aſſembly, where his Royall Majeſtie, with all the noble *Elmes*, the grave and learned *Yewes*, and a ſelected number of the choiſeſt *Poplars*, ſhould meet in one Body, to conſult of the common Good; and here you might behold a goodly ſight, the Epitome of all *Druina*.

But there preceded a notable act of Princely grace: For whereas *ſome*, out of the motions of a malevolent ſpirit, and impoſtumated hearts, had, during the former univerſall Exultations of Ioy, beene detected, to have had a moſt Treaſonable and dangerous Deſigne on foot againſt the Majeſtie of the Royall OKE, whereof they had beene legally convicted and doom'd; He meerely, out of his inclination to Mercie, (wherein Kings *come neareſt to the Almightie*) ſent a private Miſſive, all of his owne Characters, to pluck them out of the very jawes of Death; even then, when having made their peace with Heaven and Earth, the fatall *Axe* was imminent to *fall* upon them, and *cut* them quite off. And as this firſt, ſo were the reſt of his whole reigne high Acts of Clemencie.

But upon the very point, when the fore-named great Congregation was to re-aſſemble ; behold, a horrid Plot of ſuch a nature, that it ſeemd rather to have been a Peece hammerd in Hell, by a Conventicle of *Cacodæmons*, then trac'd by humane invention. A ſulphureous Mine it was, prepard and fitted with that Artifice, that in one Puffe it ſhould have blowne up to the Clouds, and made but a Squib of that mightie Aſſembly, with many thouſands of innocent Soules beſides: *Druina's* Soveraigne Monarch, with his Royall Conſort, and Princely *Imps*, *Root* and *Rinde*, *Stemme* and *Stock*, *Bud* and *Bloſſome*, had all beene *blaſted*; the reverend *Yewes*, noble *Elmes*, and ſtout *Poplars*, had beene all turnd to *Charcoale*; yea, the furie of it had extended to the *Embrio* in the Wombe; nay, the very inanimate Bodies had not beene exempt; the ſumptuous ancient Structures neere adjoyning, all the Tribunals of Iuſtice, yea, the prime Sanctuarie *Druina* had, would have gone to wrack; nay, it would have rayſed up her dead Princes out of their ſleeping Vrnes, to behold this black Spectacle: My haire ſtands on end, my heart trembleth at the horror of it: The *Trinacrian* Veſpers, and *Bartholomean* Maſſacre, were nothing to this. And Religion muſt be the Maske, to cover this Helliſh attempt:

Tantum Religio potuit ſuadere malorum?

Sacred Lady, muſt thou be the Mantle to cover this infandous Worke? Thou which uſeſt to goe clad in the white Veſt of Innocencie, *muſt thou have a* Deianira's *Shirt now caſt upon thee, a Robe of Bloud? Thou which marcheſt alwayes with the Armour of Light, muſt thou be made acceſſarie to ſuch a horrible Act of* *of ſubterranean darkeneſſe? Thou which injoyneſt ſubjects indiſpenſable obedience to their Soveraigns, becauſe they are the anoynted and Archetypes of the Almighty, yea Gods upon earth, muſt thou be now made a complice to Aſſaſſines and Traytors? In fine, thou to whom the Prince of peace left for legacy his ſeameleſſe cloſe-woven garment of unity to decke thy ſelfe, muſt thou be brought to make ruptures and throw the ball of diſcord twixt Soveraigne and ſubject?* Abſit, abſit.

For the diſcovery of this prodigious plot, ſpecially the quality of it, it ſeemes by ſome ſecret ſupernaturall inſtinct, *Druinas* Monarque himſelfe, when all his great Sages were at a ſtand, hit right upon it, for it being fore-threatned, and advertiſement being fortunately lighted upon, that a ſudden blow ſhould bee given, which ſhould bee no ſooner doing, then a peece of paper burning, His Majeſtie entring into the ſecret Cabinet of his owne deepe and free-borne thoughts poſitively avouch'd, that it muſt bee ſome project of *nitre*, then which nothing is more ſudden and impetuous, more violent and irreſiſtible: and herein hee prov'd as much *Prophet*, as *Prince*.

For oftentimes the conceptions of Kings are as farre above the vulgar, as their condition is, for being higher elevated, and walking upon the battlements of Soveraignty, they ſooner receive the inſpirations of Heaven.

They which make profeſſion to pry into myſteries of eſtate, paſſed divers judgements upon this, ſome gave out, that the warlike *Vine* had ſent adviſe of it, and that the then *ſecretſt* of *Druinas* Sages, *that great inſtrument of ſtate* had fore-knowledge of it, but ſuffred the fatall threed to bee ſpunne out to that length for ſome politique reſpects, and then to cut it off in the very nicke.

Not long after a notorious high act of Treaſon, drawing to a neare analogie with this, for the inſtrument was led by the ſame ill ſpirit, except that the one was ſingle, yet upon the perſon of a publique perſon, the other of multitudes, if you conſider the Agents or Patients; The one was cruſhed in the ſhell, as it was upon poynt of hatching, and ſo moſt happily prevented, but this was fully perpetrated upon the body of the great Martiall *Vine* which ſwayed the Scepter of the then moſt *flouriſhing Ampelona*; And Religion that holy and harmeleſſe Matrone, muſt be made to ſharpen the poynt of that fatall ſteele which did *ſcarifie* and penetrate him to the very heart, and ſuddenly *fell'd* him to the ground; It was done when hee had a potent Army ſo fam'd and feard farre and neare, compoſed of choice Veteranes upon a great myſticall deſigne in perfect equipage, which continueth a riddle to this day: And in the midſt of thoſe triumphs that were prepared for his Queene who had her Temples newly begirt with *Ampelonas* royall diademe. And her fancies it ſeemes the night before were propheticall, having dream'd that thoſe Diamonds wherewith her Crowne were embelliſhd, did turne to Pearles, which are accounted the Emblemes of teares.

But moſt remarkable it is what one of his owne Confidents did forewarne him of twenty yeares before, who told him being newly come to the Crowne, and forced to comply with the times in point of Eccleſiaſticall affaires, and being aſſaulted and wounded in the mouth by a young Loyoliſt.

Sir, *You ſee how juſt and punctuall* God Almighty *is in his Iudgements, for I hope you have denied the Religion you were firſt nurtured in, but from the teeth outward, ſo he hath ſtruck you there, but take heede your heart goe not from it, for hee will ſtrike you there the next time, which proved preciſely true.*

Not unlike this prophetique judgement was that which fell upon one of his predeceſſors not long before, who being ſo incenſed againſt the *Euſebians*, that he vowed *to plucke out one of their eyes to ſtigmatize and diſtinguiſh them from others*; He was thruſt the very ſame day into the eye himſelfe by an *Euſebian*, whereof hee breathed his laſt.

A hard fate it was that three of *Ampelona's* Royall Monarques ſhould fall within ſo narrow a compaſſe of time by ſuch mortall ſtroakes. The laſt the moſt accompliſhed of all the reſt, was the moſt lamented, who out of his cold Vrne ſeemes, methinkes, to ſend this mournefull caveat to the greateſt potentats on Earth.

That they are but weake penetrable things, and though ſomewhat refind and kneaded from that courſer ſort of ſtuffe, which goeth to the compoſition of the Cittizens of the world, yet they are ſo much the more brittle ware, onely they differ in ther office, which neverthleleſſe makes them to have farre leſſe to hope for, then to feare.

A greater example hereof there could not be then in this great *Puiſſant* Prince, a Prince in whom nothing of worth was wanting, a patterne of all heroique vertues, except that he was tranſported ſometimes too far by that Sexe, which overcame the *firſt*, the *ſtrongeſt*, and *wiſeſt*, that ever were of humane race.

Wonderfull he was in acts of peace and warre, hee had bin victorious in foure maine battailes, before he could peaceably weare the Crowne, hee weeded the Kingdome of ſuch as were devoted to *Elaiana*, and manumizd it, from that moſt dangerous confederacy which was fermenting many yeares, weakning it by armes, but daſhing it to peeces by wit.

For his Acts of peace, he inrichd *Ampelona* with a greater proportion of ſilke and wooll, he beautified her in many places with ſumptuous ſtructures, cut paſſages twixt great Navigable Rivers, and was like to do the like twixt Sea and Sea. And ſome ſay he had a deſigne to erect ſuch a ſpirituall independent dignity in *Ampelona*, that his ſubjects ſhould not neede to clammer the hills ſo often to *Petropolis*; he diſmorgagd the Crowne demeanes, made an increaſe of munition, armes and treaſure, and left behind a maſſe of Gold that ſurmounted the height of a Lance; And all this may be aſcribd to his owne activeneſſe.

For, as for the outward windowes of his Soule, he was rarely quicke and perſpicacious, ſo was hee inwardly Eagle-eyed, and perfectly verſd in the humours of his ſubjects. And ſuch a great Artiſt hee was in government, that he preſervd *Ampelona* (which abounds more then one part of the Earth beſides with boyſterous ſpirits and hot working braines) twenty yeares together without the leaſt tintamarre or noiſe of commotion:

A brave ſprightfull Prince hee was, compoſed of ſuch a mould, that though hee wanted but very few yeares of his grand Climacterique, when the mortall Stab was given him; yet the Anatomiſts adjudgd, That if Nature had beene ſufferd to have runne her owne courſe in him, without this fatall interruption, hee might have doubled his Age.

Never was there Monarch, that Lorded more over his Subjects hearts: Which, as in many paſſages of his Life, ſo after his Death it appeard; when by the univerſall Vote, hee was eternizd to future Ages with the Title of *GREAT*, and that his Statues ſhould be erected in all the Mart Townes of *Ampelona.*

——*ſtat Magni nominis Umbra.*

The Martiall *Vine* being thus *cut* downe, *Ampelona* fell under a Female Government, (a Female of rare endowments and Princely worth) untill the ſucceeding young *royall Cion* ſhould come to *maturitie*: And they ſpeake of an old Law, *That the Heire of* AMPELONA's *Crowne is adjudgd then to have paſſd his Minoritie, when he is growne to the height of a Sword.* So that during this Government, it may be ſayd (notwithſtanding the contrarie Proverbe:)

Lunæ radiis matureſcebat botrus.

Not long after the *Vine*, the mightie *Olive* his neighbour fell, who with his *Beades* was ſayd to preſerve all his time his ſpacious Dominions, as his Imperiall Grandſire did by the *Pike*, and his Sire, that great *Magus* of his dayes, by the *Pen*; who, for ſome rare vertues that dwelt in him, I cannot pretermit with ſilence.

He was the greateſt Conqueror of himſelfe, and King of his owne affections, that ever was; being alwayes at home within himſelfe,in an admired equall temper of humors: No change at all was found in him at good or bad Events, or any ſudden tumultuarie Chance; whereof I will give a few notable inſtances.

After that memorable great Battaile and Navall Expedition againſt *Alcharona*, (when all *Bombycina*, with the adjacent Iſlands, were at the ſtake) was wonne, the relation being brought him, what a glorious Victorie was got, and with what difficultie, and how long ſhe fluttred upon the wings of doubtfull ſucceſſe,he was not ſurpriz'd a whit with any exulting motions of joy; onely he ſayd, That *his Brother, who was Generaliſſimo in the ſervice, had venturd very farre*: And it was the firſt time that he ever daignd to ſtile him *Brother*, though they were of the ſame *Stock*, but he a *Branch of the wild Olive*. Theſe were the moſt important and gladſomſt tidings that poſſibly could be brought him, both concerning himſelfe and all the Weſterne world,as the caſe then ſtood.

For ill newes alſo, he was the ſame: For, in that mightie Expedition againſt *Druina*, when the very Virgin newes was brought him of the moſt diſaſtrous miſcarriage of his Fleet, that monſtrous Sea-Gianteſſe, the hugeſt that ever ſpread ſayle upon ſalt water, take Bulk and Building together; when all the circumſtances were punctually related unto him, he was not mov'd a jot from himſelfe, but calmely ſayd, *He had ſent them to fight againſt* DRUINA, *not againſt the Deitie of Heaven*. And theſe were the ſaddeſt newes that poſſibly could come. This having beene an Enterpriſe ſo much ruminated upon, ſo moulded and matur'd by time, with infinite expence; the Legalitie of the Act confirmd and animated by a ſpeciall Benediction from the great *Arch-Flamin*, and puffd up with ſuch a certitude and infallibilitie of hopes and preſumptions, that in *Petropolis* there were Bonefires alreadie made, in joy of the Conqueſt of *Druina*. Yet, at the ſayd long expected relation, there appeared not in him the leaſt alteration or reſentment in the world, for the miſcarriage of this Mightie Action, and Invincible Fleet, as ſhe was tearm'd; which prov'd, as one ſayd, but a kind of Morrice-dance upon *Druina's* Waves.

Another time, being ſhut up a whole day in his Cloſet, to diſpatch ſome private inſtructions for *Leoncia*, about the time of her firſt revolt; and bringing them forth fairely written, to be dryed, his then *Secretarie* (that famous miniſter of State) being with the ſuddenneſſe of his comming ſurpriz'd, pour'd the Ink-box all over the Writings, and ſo defac'd them, that they were made altogether illegible: This did not a whit ſtirre him, but calmely call'd for more Paper, to reſcribe them; ſhewing him the difference twixt the Ink-box and Sand-box, againſt the next time.

Thus in Eclipſes and Sunne-ſhine, in Calme and Tempeſts, at ill or fortunate Occurrences, he was immoveably the ſame; nor could any ſudden inexpected contingencie, were it of never ſo great conſequence, diſtract, much leſſe divorce him from himſelfe.

The Philoſophers teach, That in naturall Bodies, all things decay by the inward conflict of their Principles, and reluctancie of the predominant Elements: for, if a Body were *eavenly balanced by the foure Elements whence the humours are derived, it would bee unperiſhable.*

The manners of the minde often follow the temper of theſe humors, therefore in this Prince it ſeemes, there were the ſedomſt and weakeſt ſtruglings amongſt them that could be; A ſerious reſervd ſpeculative Prince he was, and could ſee farre and neare without Spectacles or Proſpective, and as it was ſaid of one of *Druinas* Monarques, *hee was uſed to ſtand in the darke to others, but he made all the world to ſtand in the light to him.* He would often complaine againſt his Siſter of *Druina,* in that ſhe fomented the *Itelians* his owne naturall Subjects againſt him, that ſhee intercepted his Treaſure, and countenanced her Captaines to robbe him in *Columbina,* and all this without provocation as he thought, pretending that hee had deſervd otherwiſe of her, by being once the chiefeſt inſtrument of ſaving her life, and reſtoring her to liberty, and having an Ambaſſador reſident then at her Court, when theſe traverſes of Enmitie happened. Hee was a great example of PIETIE in his kinde, and that in ſo intenſe a degree, that he was uſed to ſay, *If he knew the Princely plant which firſt ſprung out of him did but brandle or hæſitat in his Religion, hee would have his breaſt ripped up, and thoſe thoughts plucked out of him, nay he would gather ſtickes himſelfe to burne him.*

The cauſe of the ſo earely fall of that Prince is a riddle to this houre, but one time in a gay humour he wiſhed in the hearing of his Sire, hee had *Elaiana's* Crowne upon his head but onely one day; And this extravagant wiſh (as 'twas thought) did him no good; for not long after, he was *tranſplanted* into the other World by an immature Fate.

Another Argument, or rather Monument, of the Pietie of this *Platonique* Prince, was *that Worke of Wonder*, that glorious Structure, which with expence of eight Millions of Treaſure, and twentie three yeares of Time, (he himſelfe enjoying the contentment of it twelve whole yeares after it was finiſhd) he cauſd to be erected, in memorie of *that* famous Battaile he got againſt *Ampelona*, being then in *Leoncia*: And not as much in honour of the day, as of the *Martyr*, whoſe day it was; proportioning the Fabrique to the ſhape of that Inſtrument he ſuffered upon. The Handle of it, makes a Magnificent Royall Palace; the Body, an huge Aſſembly of Cloyſters, which make up a Convent, and an Academie. And ſo intentive were his thoughts upon this Piece of Pietie, that when the long-longd for tidings were poaſted to him, of the miſcarriage of the fore-mentioned Fleet, which ſayld at firſt with the wings of ſuch confidence againſt *Druina*; he then having his eyes fixd upon a Maſon, who was fitting a Corner-Stone, he would neither aske, heare, or reade one ſyllable, untill he ſaw that Stone ſettled. Such a vaſt Pile was never reard up by Scaffold: and I ſubſcribe to them that hold, the World hath not the like, in one entire Piece. And built it is with that unuſuall ſolidneſſe, and moderate height, that it ſeemes in his firſt thoughts he intended to make a Sacrifice of it to perpetuitie, and to conteſt with the Iron Teeth of Time. It hath a Quadrangle for every Moneth in the Yeare: and whoſoever will take an exact ſurvey of it, muſt goe above 30000 paces forward, about and backward, within the circumference of the Walls; and the very keyes of this huge Edifice, poiſe above 1000 weight.

This great *Magus* being ſeizd upon by the hand of Death, he ſayd none ſhould carry him to his owne Sepulcher, meaning that mightie Monument, but himſelfe: Where he was no ſooner come, but this huge *Olive*, which flouriſhd ſo long, (though ſhaken with many ſhrewd ſtormes) fell, as they ſay, of vermiculation, being all worme-eaten within.

The ſucceeding Princely *Olive*, though in profound reaches of *Policie* he came ſhort of him, yet in *Pietie* he rather exceeded him. He relyed more upon the Spirituall power then the Temporall, holding it the ſafeſt courſe: And indeed, it was one of the Cardinall inſtructions his expiring Sire left him; and the other was, that *he might warre with all the world, if he were in peace with* DRUINA. A little after, he yeelded to treat with the *Itelians* as with Free-States; from which words, they ever ſince derive their independencie, though *Elaiana* denie, that ſhe ever pronounc'd them poſitively free, but retorts the argument upon them: For, if ſhe condeſcended to treat with them *as* with Free-States, the Hypotheſis muſt be, that they were not free: for the Topique Axiome is, *Nullum ſimile eſt idem*; but whether it will hold in Policie, I will not determine.

OF

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RHENVSIVM
AND
BOMBYCINA.

About theſe times there arrived in *Druina* a *Rhenuſian* Prince (*Altapinus,*) and *Rhenuſium* abounds with Princes, yet they are from the beginning but *branches* fallen from the Imperiall *Cedar*, whereof ſome are growne up *ſingle*, other are multiplied into a great number of *Groves*.

Huge is that extent of ground which belongs to the *perambulation* of this large *Forreſt*, which were ſhee entirely ſubject to the *Cedar*, would prove formidable both to the *Vine*, the *Olive*, and the *Oke* with all other, and would bee able of her ſelfe to make head againſt that huge Gianteſſe *Alcarona* ; But *Rhenuſium* being divided betweene ſo many abſolute Princes, and they of about equall puiſſance, (as a great River cut into many Channells growes weaker and ſhallower) *Rhenuſium* ſtrives onely to counterpoize her ſelfe.

Her *Trees* are well *timbred*, *tall* and *beutifull*, they are all commonly of the nature of the *Plane*, or *Hortenſius* his *graffs*, which love to bee watred with wine, but they uſe not onely to bee watred therewith, but to bee overwhelmd and drownd therein, for they drinke often *paſſively*, which made one aſcribe unto them theſe two properties. *To underſtand more then they can utter*; *And drinke more then they can carry.* And the univerſality of this vice, ſeemes to take away the infancy of it; ſo that whoſoever is temperat there, muſt needs bee more temperat then any where elſe, for he muſt bee ſo, *per antiperiſtaſin*, being ſurrounded, and beſiegd as it were about with the contrary habit. The time was that the *Cedar* ſtretched forth his Imperiall *branches* as farre as the Mountaines of the Moone, and that the *King of Birds* neſted within his leaves, thicke featherd, and with fullſummd wings faſtning his Talents Eaſt and Weſt; but now I know not by what fate or fortune tis come to paſſe, the Eagle is become halfe naked, and the *Cedar* very *thinne leavd*, ſo that for many Ages it hath bin a kinde of continuall *Autumne* with him. In ſo much that whoſoever will undertake now the Imperiall diademe, muſt have of his owne wherewith to ſupport and protect it; which I beleeve is one of the reaſons, that it hath continued theſe two Ages and more yeares in *that ſtemme* which is now ſo much ſpoken of, and envyed in the World. And this reaſon of State ſounds well why the *Septemvirate* lets it continue there ſo long, becauſe this Race having its hereditary territories as Ramparts upon thoſe regions that the huge Eaſterne *Bramble* Tyrannizeth over, is beſt able to preſerve *Rhenuſium* from his Fury.

But to know the true cauſe why the *Cedar* hath ſo long *warped*, and fallen to this decay, I muſt lead you over the hills to *Bombycina*, that great *Magazin of wits, and Minion of Nature*, where ſome places acknowledge no other ſeaſon but the ſpring; and they who abſtract Paradiſe from the Earthly Globe, would have it to bee in that part of the Heavens which is her Canopie.

Petropolis is the City which once awed not onely all *Bombycina*, but ſignorizd over moſt parts of the habitable earth, ſo farre, that her tropheys and territories were ſayd to know no frontires ; yet at firſt the circuit of her walls was hardly a mile, and her *pomerium* and *perquiſits* adjoyning where they ſtretched furtheſt, ſcarce ſix, and the firſt number of her plants about 3000. Yet with time and fortune ſhe ſo ſwelled up, that ſhe became 50. miles about, and her Dominions above 3000. miles long ; And the number of *Graffs* which ſprang at one time in and about her walls, in a *famous cenſe* that was made, amounted to above three millions.

Hence the Imperiall *Cedar* ſhot out his *warlike branches* farre and neare for many ages, untill the *Ivie claſping* and clinging cloſe about him, ſuckd out of him much of his very *radicall moiſture* to *vegetat* and quicken himſelfe, ſo that thoſe twinings and embracements of the *Ivie* proved but as *Judas* kiſſes, and this mongſt many others is one of the cauſes of the *Cedars* decay, out of whoſe ruines the *Ivie* did climbe up to a monſtrous *height* ; And if it be lawfull to paſſe from *Trees* to *Birds*, that memorable compariſon which one publikely preached in the very Court of the *Ivie*, when hee was Reſidentiarie upon the skirts of *Ampelona* three Ages ſince was not improper, at which time that renowned *Poet Laureat* did ſo bitterly inveigh againſt the exorbitancies of *Petropolis*, calling her the *mother of hereſie, ſhop of vice, and forge of falſehood* ; which compariſon was, *that this ſo high growne Jvie was like that featherleſſe bird, which went about to begge plumes of other birds to cover his nakedneſſe, they moved with commiſeration clad him with part of their owne, to which worke the Eagle did contribute much; This Bird having his bareneſſe coverd with thoſe adventitious feathers, did thrive wonderfully, and grew ſo gay that they all turned to Peacocks plumes, into whoſe nature the Bird himſelfe did alſo degenerat, and it is well knowne what the Peacocke is Embleme of. He began to pecke at, and prey upon thoſe Birds that were his benefactors, untill he made ſome of them ſtark buzzards.*

Others have compard the *Jvie* to the Stagge in the fable, which ſhrowded himſelfe under the *branches* of the *Vine* in a time of neceſſity, which being paſſed, hee fell a *browzing*, and to eate thoſe *leaves* which preſerved him; Thus the *Ivie* is ſayd to uſe the *Cedar*, with others of his Patrons, who out of a high conceipt of ſanctity they held of him, becauſe he was the *great Arch-Flamin*, protected him upon all occaſions, and would not ſtand out with him in any thing: But pitty it is, that the fruits of Piety ſhould bee ſo abuſed; and that, that high degree of honour, that great Arch-Flamin-Ship which at firſt *was ordained to bee a ſpurre to holineſſe, ſhould after become a ſtirrop to pride.*

And as *Petropolis* at her firſt riſe, when ſhee came to bee Miſtreſſe of the fourth Monarchy, and was at her higheſt *flouriſh*, uſed to clip the wings of victory, that ſhee ſhould not fly away from her; ſo ſhee would have done to Religion alſo, ſince the *Ivie* came to be her Lord, that it ſhould be found no where elſe, but betweene her walls; which made all the World to have recourſe to her, as to the ſole Oracle of ſacred Truth, the Source of ſaving Knowledge, and Conſiſtorie of Mercie: and going about to monopolize Religion by theſe ſteps, ſhe made meere Merchandize of holy things, and grew to be an excellent Chymiſt, that could tranſmute Lead into Gold; perſwading the ſilly Client, that out of that Lead he might make Keyes to open Heaven Gates. Thus Religion got wealth, Piety begot Policy, then the Daughters were ſayd to devour their Mothers.

Adde hereunto, that it was the practice of the *Ivie*, to ſuſcitate and engage the *Cedar*, with other Princes whom he could get into his *grapple*, to holy Expeditions abroad, and ſometimes to make them *claſh* their *branches* one againſt the other, at home; whereby he tooke often opportunitie, to ſeize upon ſomething towards the ſtrengthening and *embulking* of himſelfe.

Thus the *Ivie clinging* ſo cloſe to the Conſcience, brought the *Cedar*, the *Vine*, and the *Oke*, with all the Weſterne Potentates, to bow unto him, and doe homage to his very *Trunke*, and in a manner to idolatrize him, and *tremble* as the *Aſpe* before him.

He qualified the *Cedar* with the Character of his *firſt Sonne*; the *Vine*, of his *younger*; and the *Oke*, of his *adopted*; though I know no reaſon, why the *Oke* may not challenge the right of Primogeniture above all the reſt, in regard his Crownes were firſt irradiated with the gleames of ſacred Truth; and, as *ſome great Clerks* avouch, before *Petropolis* her ſelfe: and touching that *Title*, which doth peculiarize *Druina's* Monarch from all other, it is much more ancient then the common opinion holds it.

The *Olive*, this laſt Centenarie of yeares, hath much complyed with the *Ivie*, making profeſſion to be his *Champion*: and indeed, he hath more reaſon then others to induce him thereunto, in regard he holds moſt of his Dominions in Fee of him; and amongſt the reſt, *Hipparcha*, which is one of the faireſt Flowers of his Crowne, being the moſt delicious Soyle of all *Bombicina*: and this he detaines from the *Ivie*, much againſt his will, for he ſhould be the true poſſeſſorie Lord thereof: But the *Olive* diſpenſeth with his Conſcience, to paſſe it over with a Complement, and a Heriot once every yeare, though he incurre the thunder of an unavoidable Curſe thereby. But it is obſervd, that that brave prauncing Courſer, which *Hipparcha* gives for her Creſt, being formerly ſo full of mettle, that he would ſcarce brooke Bridle or Saddle, hath beene ſo broken and brought low by her, that he will now very patiently take the Bitt, and beare a Pack-ſaddle or Panniers, if need require, which they lay on him once *every three yeares*.

The *Ivie*, by the degrees aforeſaid, being led by ſuch another *Genius*, it ſeemes, as the firſt *Nurſerie* of *Plants Petropolis* had, who varniſhd all their attempts with a ſingular reverence to the Gods, came from very ſmall beginnings to a ſtupendious height. But there is one ſhrewd brand on it, that his greateſt *Patron* opened a way to the Empire by a black way of perfidiouſneſſe and Treaſon, in *felling* downe that *Cedar*, which was his liege Lord and Maſter; and to comply with the *Ivie*, condeſcended to give him, among other benefits, *Petropolis* for his Court. Ever ſince, the great *Arch-Flamin* hath wonderfully thriven: for proceeding to domineere over, and captivate the nobleſt part of the intellectuall Creature, he aſſumd power to *depoſe* Soveraigne Princes, to *diſpoſe* of their Diademes, and to *diſpenſe* with their ſubjects from all tyes of naturall obedience. And ſo liberall he hath beene, as to give away *Druina* (*which he tearmd his inexhauſted Source*) once to the *Vine*, another time to the *Olive*; but with this Proviſo, if they could conquer her: wherein they *both* foulely fayld,though they employd the utmoſt of their ſtrength.

And the *Ivie* came to doe theſe Feates by force and terror, a courſe very diſagreeable to his Calling: *For the Temporall and Spirituall Power ſhould have an analogie with thoſe two faculties of the Soule, the Will, and the Underſtanding: The Will dealeth with the Vnderſtanding by way of power and peremptorie command, but the Underſtanding, after a ſweet way of meekeneſſe, conducts the Will by perſwaſions and ſtrength of Reaſon, and ſo leads him along in a Golden Chaine.*

He amuſd the World, that the Keyes which open and ſhut *Heaven*, and let downe to *Hell*, hang upon his *Branches*; the threats of his diſpleaſure, came to be as dreadfull as Thunderbolts: but of late yeares, they are found to be of a cleane contrarie qualitie: *For the Thunderbolt is obſerved to quaſh and cruſh thoſe Bodies, which with their toughneſſe reſiſt, but to ſpare thoſe which are plyable and yeelding; as oft times we finde the Body of the* Tree *cruſhd to flitters, when the* Bark *is not touchd: but thoſe Fulminations which are darted from* Petropolis, *are of a quite different* *nature; for upon them that withſtand and beare up againſt them, they are as Thunderbolts fallen into the Sea, forceleſſe.*

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And hereof the *Royall Oke* (and *ſome hold, That the right Oke, being* IOVE's *Tree*, ſacra Iovi Quercus, *is exempt from the ſtroake of Thunder*) made firſt proofe of, of any other Soveraigne Prince; then the *Firre*, the *Aſh*, with others, followed: And memorable is the Anſwere which one of the Royall *Firres* made *Petropolis*, when ſhee would have exacted a new Pecuniarie Dutie of him; and it was this: *That he had receiv'd Life from his* Parents, *the Kingdome from his* People, *and Religion from* Petropolis, *which if* Petropolis *deſir'd, let her take it to her againe.*

Moreover, this great *Arch-Flamin* amuſd the world, That he was indued with the Spirit of infallibilitie, That he was a *ſpeaking Scripture*; ſo that, Hereſie was defind to be nothing elſe all the world over, then *an opinion in holy things contrarie to his deciſion.* And eaſie it was to induce the *Poplars* to beleeve this, who were allowd no other Bookes but Images; and taught beſides, That Ignorance was the Mother of Devotion; and that in praying, God Almightie would underſtand them well enough, though they did not underſtand themſelves, nor the words wherein they prayed: And in ſuch Oriſons, how is it poſſible that the heart and tongue ſhould be Relatives?

But ſtrange it ſeemes to me, that He who is mounted to this high Office, ſhould be quite out of the reach of all Error, (for, *commonly when one climbes very high, his head is ſubiect to turne*) conſidering, how groſſely ignorant ſome of them were, that they underſtood not the Language of the Liturgie, conſidering alſo what prodigious Vices reignd in ſome of them; *And Vice, Ignorance, and Error are commonly individuall Mates, uſhering in one another.*

Their *owne Secretarie*, one that was beſt capable to know their intrinſique Counſels, Practiſes, and Humours, hath left upon record, That ſome of them made way unto this more then humane Dignitie, by *Murther*, others by *Poyſon*, many by *Simonie*, ſome by the *Sword*, and one by *tampring with ill Spirits*; Adulterie, Inceſt, and Blaſphemie, have branded ſome of them; Fornication held a *Peccadillo*, and Pride became an inſeparable companion to it: *And one of the cunningſt ſleights of the Devill, is, when he cannot fall one upon plaine ground, to lift him up with Pride.* Which here grew ſo viſible, that many beleeve the power of the *Ivie* had beene long ſince at an end, had not the reputation and reverence the World beares to the humilitie and povertie of ſome innocent *Graffs*, that *creepe up* in holy Orders under him, borne out the ſcandall of his Exceſſes: For it was plainely diſcovered, that whereas the *Owle* was uſd to build his Neſt in the *Ivie*, Superſtition and Error (which are alſo *Birds of Darkneſſe*) thruſt him out, and tooke his roome.

But of late yeares, that ſuper-politique and irrefragable Societie of the *Loyoliſts* have *proppd up* the *Ivie*; ſo that all their conſultations and ſtudie tends to aggrandize him, to render him ſole and ſupreme Lord of all the Earth: And, as for the *Spirituall* Power they would hoyſe him up to be the onely Head; ſo for the *Temporall*, they would alſo have one Lord *Paramount*. And becauſe it is moſt probable, to bring that mightie worke to paſſe by the *Olive*, in regard of his ſpacious Dominions; therefore, all their policie tends to exalt him: inſomuch, that of late yeares it is obſervd, of what Soyle ſoever a *Loyoliſt* is, he is halfe Factor for the *Olive*. And when at the beginning of the Tumults in *Leoncia*, he was adviſd to erect Citadels and Forts up and downe, to keepe under his ſubjects, *One of his then greateſt Sages anſwerd, It would farre more ſecure the Countrey, if the Societies of the* Loyoliſts *were multiplyed for their Convents would ſerve for Caſtles.*

Profound Clerks they are, and the chiefeſt *Court Rabbies*, and the cloſeſt ſort of Intelligencers; for they have a way to ſcrue into the moſt inmoſt Cloſets of Princes, and to goe betweene the very *Bark* and the *Tree*; though many times they prove *Earewigs* and *Caterpillers* to the talleſt *Trees*. Nor doe they make their *Mercuries ex quolibet ligno*; for they never admit any *Blocks* into their Societie, but the *beſt-timbred* and choiſeſt *Plants*, which they *reare up* for ſuch uſes, as beſt ſutes and goes along with the *graine* of their *Genius*. And though it be againſt their Canon, to receive Money for Almes; yet whereſoever they *plant*, they preſently *grow up* to an incredible encreaſe of Wealth.

Theſe *Seraphicall Fathers* doe ſo under-value all other Orders, that they have a ſaying:

The Church is the Soule of the World, the Clergie the Soule of the Church, and they the Soule of the Clergie.

Amongſt other points *Petropolis holds*, and theſe *Loyoliſts* with their maine policie labour to *uphold*, one is, That whoſoever they be, though they have the ſame primitive Symbole and ſubſtance of Faith with her; yet if they grow not within her incloſure, they are no other then *Logges* ordaind for Hell-fire.

Which Opinion, though it carry with it an hot kind of Zeale, it hath little Charitie, I am ſure, with it: For, beſides thoſe Myriads of *Plants* which *grow up,* and *fall*, under the *Oke*, the *Firre*, the *Aſh*, and the *Willowes*, and are *thick ſet* with *Petropolitans* in *Rhenuſium* and *Ampelona*, with ſundry other *Forreſts*, which have long ſince ſhaken off the ſtill-encroaching *Ivie*; that vaſt Tract of Earth which *Volgania* containes, and thoſe numberleſſe multitudes which are up and downe *Alcarona*; nay, thoſe which are in and about the holyeſt of Cities, with that *immenſe Region*, which ſome hold to extend from one Tropique to the other, Lorded over by *Jochan Belul*, who tearmes himſelfe alſo the *Head of the Church*, and *Touchſtone of ſacred Truth*, and *Tree of Knowledge*, &c. (whom that *great Clerke*, and late Corrector of Times, would have to beare another Name, but wrongfully) I ſay, that huge Territorie, which this great Monarch, with his *Abuna*, doth poſſeſſe; ſince all theſe beare the generall Character of Chriſtians, and have the grounds and exerciſe of the Rites of true Pietie, though in divers formes, it is an hard Cenſure, to judge that they are nought elſe but *Bruſhwood*, prepard for eternall flames, and utterly incapable to be made *Timber* for the inlarging of the *Court* of Heaven: But I beleeve this Tenet proceeds from a kind of Policie, to ſerve onely for Terror.

Let none miſtake me, as if, while I treat of *Trees*, I ſhould goe about to make poyſond *Arrowes* of them, to dart at *Petropolis*: No; I reverence her from my very Soule, for the firſt ancient Mother Church: but it hath beene the practice of the common Enemie, That *where Truth erecteth her Church, he helpes Error to reare up a Chappell hard by.*

I firmely ſubſcribe, and ſubmit my ſelfe to whatſoever was ordaind and acted in her, the firſt foure Centurie of yeares; for, nothing makes more for the confirmation of my Faith, then her Doctrine and practiſe then.

For in thoſe Ages, a great many of her bleſſed *Arch-Flamins* creeping lowly upon the ground, yeelded themſelves to be made *Bonefires*, for the maintenance of Truth; and out of their aſhes, *ſprung* up more and more innumerable holy *Plants*, which did wonderfully *propagate*, and they were all indued with the vertue of the *Palme*; the more they were *oppreſſd* and *overſet* with the weight of *Perſecution*, the *faſter*, *ſtronger*, and *ſtreighter* they *grew up*.

In thoſe dayes, the light of Divine Knowledge did ſtreame from *Petropolis*, in beames of Innocencie, Simpleneſſe, and Humilitie; but afterwards (*helas*) it came to be offuſcated and halfe choakd up with Fogges of humane Fancies.

Some preſume to affirme, that if the Almightie would aſſume a viſible externe ſhape, it ſhould be compounded of *Light* and *Truth*, they are ſo eſſentiall unto him: *Petropolis* was once adornd with both theſe; but long ſince, the one hath beene ſhrewdly *dimmd*, the other *depravd*, though neither quite extinguiſhd (as ſome affirme in her.) So that I beleeve *Druina* had never forſaken *Petropolis*, had *Petropolis* ſtood firme to her ſelfe, and not ſwervd from her firſt grounds.

But I find, that all the Devices and Crochets of new Inventions which crept into her, tended either to *enrich* or *enlarge* the *Ivie*. The Barke of the Prime Apoſtle was imployed to Pyracie, and his Keyes to unlock the Treaſuries of Princes; and where they could not doe, the Sword ſhould breake them open.

But for his imaginarie Exchequer,wherein were hoorded the redundancie of good workes, nothing muſt open that,but Keyes of maſſie Gold; Arguments were turnd to Armes,and Miters to Helmets: which made the World,in ſtead of being rectified, to run headlong into ſtrange obliquities of Schiſme and Confuſion. As much,if not more affiance and conceit of comfort began to be had in them, who once were ſinners, and but yet ſuppoſed Saints, then in the Saviour himſelfe: Vowes and Oriſons were made to them, that knew nothing of the heart; and amongſt ſuch a number of pettie Deities, God was halfe forgotten. Dignities in Heaven, were diſpoſd of on Earth; and to one of their Moderne *Saints*, that place is given, which *Lucifer* loſt. And the bleſſedſt of mortall Wights, that ever breathd the Ayre of this lower Region, now queſtionleſſe the higheſt Saint in the Celeſtiall Hierarchie, began to be ſo impertinently importund, that a great part of Divine Liturgie was addreſſd ſolely to her, in ſuch a way that ſhe queſtionleſſe deteſts. They came ſo farre in this point, that to make a perfect Salve for a ſick Soule, they held there muſt be a mixture and compound made of Milke and Bloud, and that they are both of equall vertue.

Traditions and the *Ivies* Decretalls were made of equall force, and as authenticall as the ſacred Charter it ſelfe, and as much obliging the Conſcience; and his Commands obſervd with more terror, then thoſe which were delivered by the Voice of the Almightie, in Thunder and Lightning. It came to paſſe, that it grew a common thing, for one to *plant a Tree*, and with one part to heat his Oven, with the other to roaſt his Meat, and to make his God of the third.

And whereas at the beginning, Man was made after Gods image, which muſt be underſtood of the interne graces of the Soule, it grew a common practiſe, to make God after mans image in externe groſſe corporeall ſhapes, whereas the incomprehenſible Majeſtie of the Almighty can neither bee circumſcribd in place, nor repreſented in Picture, but darkely deſcribd by an aggregation of his Attributes.

And whereas Hee being a Spirit ought to bee ſervd in ſpirit, and chiefely with interne worſhip, and ingraven onely in the Tables of the heart, moſt of His ſervice came now to bee externe in ſhewes and repreſentations, His Temples being filled with certaine kindes of Antique faces and great Puppets in every corner; ſo that *Petropolis* became (as a little after her firſt foundation ſhe was) *a meere Grove of Idolls.*

Moreover the minde was caried away with ſuch a fond conceipt, that Heaven, and that eternall weight of glory which is reſerved there for the Bleſſed, might be over-merited by ſurpluſage of works; *Whereas there was never any proportion yet twixt infinity and things finite; nor was this Earth ever held but an indiviſible point, and a thing of no dimenſion at all in reſpect of the Heavens; and there ſhould be alwayes a kind of proportion twixt the worke and the reward.*

Thus they thought to climbe up to Heaven, upon the *Tree* of their owne Merits, whereas they ſhould have obſerved that the *Publican* was bid to come *downe the Tree,* before Grace could deſcend upon him.

After this unlucky brood of errors, there crept in odde Philoſophicall ſubtilties, and forc'd termes of Art, which did much puzzle Sacred Theologie, and threw as it were dirt in her face, with their claſſicall diſtinctions, cavills, quiddities, and ſo transformd her to a meere kinde of ſophiſtry and logomachy.

Yet all this cannot deprive *Petropolis* of the Character of a true Church, (I cannot ſay *adverbially* true (*and God is a lover of adverbs*) ſhe ſtill hath the eſſentiall grounds, with the externe profeſſion and exerciſe of ſaving knowledge. Though *Tares* repullulat, there is *Wheate* ſtill left in the Field, the *Foundation* is good, though ſome odde *Superſtructures* have been raiſd upon the firſt ſtory; And he that pries into her with impartiall eyes, will find that ſhee is not ſo corrupt in her *poſitions*, as in her *practiſe*, for many who have beene *allured* by her Bookes, have beene *averted* againe by her Churches, and the ſight of her ceremonies, and antique formes, which in ſome places are ſuch, that whereas Divinity ſhould goe clad like a Grave *Venerable Matron*, ſhee may bee ſayd to bee accoutred rather like a *Courtiſane*.

But *ſome* there are who doe proſecute *Petropolis* with ſuch a blacke irreconcileable malice, that whatſoever hath beene once practiſed in her, though arbitrary and indifferent in it ſelfe, tending happily to decency and externe Ornament onely, they hold it to be flat Idolatry; They thinke they can never fly farre enough from her, whereby many of them ſtriving to fly from *ſuperſtition* fall into flat *prophaneſſe*, holding this hatred of *Petropolis* to bee a poynt of holineſſe; ſo that they may bee ſayd to hate her *Religion* rather, then the *corruption* which depraves it; Nay ſuch is their malignancy in this kind, that it extends to the very inanimat Creatures of Stone, Wood and Glaſſe, ſo farre, that had they their wills, there ſhould not a Roofe, Wall or Window ſtand which was once conſecrated by *Petropolis*. And he was well ſervd for his *blind* Zeale, who going to cut downe an ancient white *Hautborne-Tree*, which becauſe ſhe *budded* before others, might bee an occaſion of *Superſtition*, had ſome of the *prickles* flew into his eye, and made him Monocular.

Yet for all the ſpecious fruits of ſanctity theſe *Dotard Trees* outwardly beare, they are found commonly rotten at the heart, they are like *putrified Wood* ſhinining in the darke; And their fruit like that which is ſayd to growe hard by the *Sodomitique Lake*, *fayre and goodly without, but banled, crumbleth to Aſhes*; So injurious they are to Prayer (being *the very Marrow into which the Soule melts in her Dovotion to Heaven*) that the would thruſt her out of her *owne Houſe* (the Temple) at leaſt give her a ſmall roome that may be (unleſſe ſhe prove the extemporall iſſue of their owne ſhallow braines) harrowed over with ſuch impertinent Tautologies, and bold Expoſtulations.

Such a deadly feud they have to hierarchy and degrees in holy Functions, that they account thoſe high *Luminaries* which from all times have beene appoynted for the Guidance and Goverment of the Church, to be nought elſe but *Comets*, and ill boding Starres.

In their Conventicles they doe commonly *bella cum perſonis magis, quàm peccatis gerere*. Seldome doe they give their Flockes any *Milke*, but *ſtrong Meates*; they ſtill thunder out Lighning and Tempeſt, and the dreadfull Curſes of the Law, which muſt needs whoorry many a poore Conſcience upon dangerous Rocks, and doubts, and fits of Deſpaire, and ſeldome do they apply the ſweet, and Soule-ſolacing Lenitiffs of the Goſpell, wherewith the correſives of the Law ſhould be tempered, whence it may be inferd, that they thinke oftner of Hell then Heaven.

Adde

[illegible] hereunto, that ſome of theſe great *Santons* will not ſtick to expound the ſacred Text, upon the warrant of their owne private ſpirits, as if God Almightie appeard to them out of a *Buſh*; but hereby they uſually worke themſelves into ſome odde illumination of an egregious dotage: For they ſhould learne,

That in holy things, he that ſtrikes upon the Anvill of his owne Braine, is in danger to have the ſparkles flye into his Face, which muſt needes dazzle him: nor is he unlike him, who layeth together hot burning Coales with his naked Fingers, in ſtead of a paire of Tongs.

I could wiſh, that theſe ſciolous *Zelotiſts* had more *Judgement* joynd with their *Zeale*, that they would not runne away ſo farre from their Text; it were well, that they would ſuffer Reaſon to *perſwade* them, before ſhe *invades* them, as commonly in Argument ſhee doth: That they had more of the ſpirit of Conformitie and Obedience, to the Conſtitutions and Commands of lawfull Authoritie; which commonly every ignorant and ſhallow mechanique ſpirit amongſt them, will preſume to cenſure or demurre upon, and upon every triviall Cavill rayſe Clamours. As in *Itelia*, where theſe fanatique ſpirits moſt ſwarme, not long agoe two of their *greateſt Clerks* kept a mightie adoe, *Whether* AARONS *Ephod was of Sea-greene, or Sky-colour*: and this diſturbd a while the whole Aſſembly, there being hot abetters on both ſides. And indeed, theſe *obſtreperous Sceptiques* are the greateſt bane of Divinitie, who are ſo full of the ſpirit of Contradiction, that they raiſe daylie new diſputes, and multiplie Controverſies, ſo that they are almoſt without number.

And if the *Loyoliſts* on the one ſide, and they on the other were quite grubd vp (*For they are but Brambles in the Lords Vinyard*) or cut downe (and there is a ſtrong warrant *that every Tree which beareth not good fruit ſhould be cut downe*) or that they were ſent to *plant* in *Vtopia,* it were no great matter. For with their extremes they blow the Bellowes, and are the common Incendiaries of all combuſtions whereſoever they come; For the *One*, they have it from their *firſt Planter* who had beene of the profeſſion of bloud; therefore they would propagat Pietie as *Alcharona* doth hers, with the ſword, and ſo make Religion to bee *Gladij pediſſequa*, and which is worſe, the Mantle, to palliat all their deſignes, ſo that if one ſhould prie narrowly into the carriage of their actions, it would put him in mind of that damnable tenet of the Atheiſt, *In nomine Domini ſit omne malum.*

And betweene theſe two, the Weſterne Church, yea, *Faith* her ſelfe, that ſacred Ladie, doth ſuffer as twixt two Malefactors, the one diſturbing her peace, the other depraving her doctrine; but the time will come that they ſhall be both cruſhed to peeces, on both ſides, and not a bone of hers broken.

But nothing is ſo naturall to the humane Creature, and which he longs after, and delights in more, then novelty and change, yea in holy things; And as long as hee is compounded of the foure Elements, whoſe very being conſiſts in mutabilitie, his braine muſt ſtill fluctuate with new fancies; As long as there are diverſitie of Climes, whence

whence the Celeſtiall bodies ſend downe their influences, and make impreſſions upon the mind in different degrees of temper, there muſt be various Idea's and conceptions of the Deity, as well as of all other things; And as time doth worke a revolution in it ſelfe, ſo it doth in all ſublunary matters; We grow weary of old things, of Morall and Politique Lawes, of the moſt exact and regularſt Languages, of outward habits, yea the inward habitudes are ſubject to this; nay Religion her ſelfe is not exempt, but like the Moone *hath Eclipſes, Changes and Spots; But as ſome* Aſtronomers *affirme thoſe Specks which are diſcerned in the body of the* Moone *to be cauſd, by the ſhadowy reflections of* Rocks & Mountaines *which are upon the ſurface of the Earth; So the ſwelling vaine conceipts, that ariſe, and puffe up the mind, are the cauſes of ſuch blemiſhes in Religion.*

An undenyable principle it is, that there is but one Truth, *and one* Tracke *which leadeth to the right notion of the* Almighty *: And certainely Hee being a Spirit and the moſt ſimple of eſſences, they approach neareſt this* Track, *who ſerve Him, as I ſayd before, in Spirit and ſimplicity of thoughts, with the leaſt mixture of externe Rights and humane inventions: for as in Heraldry, tis held a rule, that the plainer the Coat* *of Armes is, the more ancient it is: ſo in the blazon of true Religion, the more ſimple and plaine the forme is, (yet I alwayes preſuppoſe decencie) the nearer it comes to the old Primitive times.*

Therefore, that Religion which hath leaſt of the outward object, to avoyd all occaſions of Idolatrie, but worſhips the God-head by a ſpeculative act of the Underſtanding, and goeth directly to Himſelfe: That Religion which derogates from the Creature, and aſcribes moſt glory to the Creator: That which transferres not his Honour, (whereof he is moſt jealous) or miſ-applyeth it to any other: That which makes the poore peccant Soule relye onely upon the Riches of his Mercie, and ſo by a neceſſarie recourſe to enboſome and endeare her ſelfe unto him; That Religion ſurely is moſt agreeable to the inviſible and omniſcious God.

And my heart trembleth, when I thinke how few there are of this, upon the ſurface of the Earth: For, as one who had converſd farre and neere with the Citizens of the world, doth avouch, if the Globe of the Earth were divided into thirtie parts, they would hardly make up three parts of thirtie.

But whither am I thus tranſported? I hope to be diſpenſd withall, for the qualitie of the ſubject, which is the ***unum neceſſarium***, which made me dwell ſo long upon it. I ſhould now poſt back to *Druina*; but that before I part with *Bombycina*, I muſt needs ſalute the amorous *Myrtle* (and her Metropolis *Adriana*) in regard ſhe hath beene alwayes a true Confederate to the *Royall Oke*.

A
CHARACTER OF ADRIANA.

ANd here behold a thing of wonder, *Adriana* ſited upon an aſſembly of Iſlands, in the very jawes of *Neptune*: where being planted at the very firſt a Chriſtian (a prerogative ſhe worthily vaunts of above all other) ſhe hath continued a Virgin ever ſince, neere upon twelve long Ages, under the ſame forme and face of Government, without any viſible token, or leaſt wrinckle of old Age.

The great *Arch-Flamin* eſpouſd her once to *Neptune*; and a Prophecie there is, That ſhe ſhall continue a Virgin, untill he forſakes her: and he, of late yeares, is obſervd to ſhrinke, and grow weaker about her, as if ſhe had made him over-labour himſelfe too much upon her. And it is well knowne, no place ſwimmes more in all manner of wanton pleaſure; witneſſe thoſe multitudes of *Medlars* which make their *Beds*, and are permitted to *grow* about the *Myrtle*, for which ſhe is ſo much ſpoken of all the world over.

Moſt renowned *Adriana* hath beene, for brave exploits up and downe the World, having wreſtled with the greateſt of Earthly Potentates; She re-eſtabliſhd the Eaſterne *Cedar* more then once, in his Throne; ſhe reſtord the *Ivie* twice in his holy Seat, being chaſd out of *Petropolis*: which made the great *Arch-Flamin* of late yeares to be foulely taxd of a kind of ingratitude, in offering to cauſe her Armories to be defacd in his Court, having ſo well deſervd of him: But it is thought, ſince ſhe expelld the *Loyoliſts* out of her Territories, *Petropolis* hath ſtill a grudge to her, which lyeth yet indigeſted, and is in her like Lees in the bottome of a Tub of Wine, which at the leaſt ſtirring of the Veſſell is readie to riſe up.

By the Charter of her Saint, ſhe is to have in her Arſenall as many warlike Veſſels, as there be dayes in the yeare; and in the Summer ſeaſon, as many in courſe as there be houres in the naturall day, to ſcoure three hundred miles of Sea, whereof ſhe is Protectreſſe. And ſome kind of Veſſels ſhe hath, which knew not how to be beaten, untill of late yeares that top of *Druina's Cavaliers* (one that hath ſpirit enough to actuate that goodly tall Bulke) receiving from them ſome affronts, met with them handſomely, and bangd them to good purpoſe.

In that dangerous *League*, when moſt of the Occidentall Potentates were banded againſt her, and in a manner conſpird to ſinke her, ſhee bore up above water, againſt them all. But her cuſtome hath beene, to piece the *Lyons* skinne with a *Fox* tayle, and ſo to ſupply the weakeneſſe of Force, by wilineſſe of Art, and advantage of Treatie. And it is well knowne, how the *Myrtle* hath taught the *Willowes* of late yeares part of her Cunning; betweene whom, there is an irrefragable Confederacie, to bayt *Elaiana*, and ſtoppe the further *growth* of the *Olive*.

Amongſt other things, *Adriana* is much cryed up for, her rich Treaſure is one, which *Elaiana* hath often attempted to exhauſt: And one of her Embaſſadours deſiring on a time to ſee it, ſeemd to ſlight it, in comparison of his great Maſters Treaſure, which is perpetually *growing*, and hath no bottome, as that had: Which made one ſay, That *Adriana*, in relation to the foure Elements, hath her Citie in Water, her Treaſure in the Ayre, her Vertue in Fire, which makes the Earth ſo to flye away from her.

True it is, that of late yeares the *Myrtle* hath beene at a ſtand, in improving the Treaſure of her *Saint*, ſince *Elaiana* hath croſſd the Equinoctiall, and found out a Track by Sea to *Levantina*; whence *Adriana* did uſe to receive, not farre from her owne home, and diſpenſe through all the Weſterne world, thoſe aromatique and daintie Fruits the *Indian* Trees affoord: but ſhe gives out, that the loſſe of that Trade is recompenc'd, by certaine ſingular Immunities ſhe hath through ſome of the Dominions of *Alcarona*: So that of late yeares ſhe is ſhrewdly ſuſpected to be a Concubine to the huge *Bramble*, who hath often *loppd* her *Myrtle*, and cut off the onely *Regall Branch* ſhe had: And againſt him it muſt be confeſſd, ſhee is the greateſt Rampart, and beſt Securitie all the Weſterne Princes have any where by Sea.

Thus the *Myrtle* flouriſheth ſtill: And truly, a rare and wonderfull thing it is, that for ſo long a tract of Time, conſidering the violent ſtormes that have ſhaken her ſo often, ſhe ſhould ſtill continue freſh, and without *warping*, or any conſiderable change, or the leaſt ſymptome of old Age, as I ſayd before. Whereas other Politicall Bodies, of a farre greater *Bulk*, have met with their Grand Climacterique, and receiv'd Changes, in a farre ſhorter Revolution of Time.

For Politicall Bodies, as well as Naturall, have their degrees of Age, Declinings and Periods; which I cannot ſo properly tearme Periods, as Succeſsions or Viciſsitudes. Common-weales have often turnd to Kingdomes, and Realmes have beene cut out into Republiques; the ruine of one, being ſtill the rayſing of the other; as one foot cannot be lifted up, till the other be downe: Witneſſe thoſe foure mightie Monarchies, which were as Spokes upon Fortunes Wheele, or as ſo many Nayles driving out one another.

And ſo is it alſo in Naturall Bodies; the corruption of one, is ſtill the generation of another: ſo that, it ſeemes, Nature hath her Wheele alſo, as well as Fortune; and theſe Changes and Chances, tend to preſerve the whole from decaying. So, that the opinion of that Adrianian, *ſince much enrichd by a Learned* Druinian, *is farre from deſerving to be exploded for a Paradox,* viz. *That the Univerſe doth not decay or impaire at all in the whole, but in its individuals and parts.*

For, as the preſervation of the World, is a continuall Production; ſo in this Production, *as I ſayd before, the corruption of one, forerunnes the generation of another: Therefore, to beare up the whole, if there be a decay in one place, 'tis recompencd in ſome other: ſo that one may ſay, Nature danceth in a Circle, and by this Circulation, preſerves the viſible World.*

The Meteorologiſts obſerve, that amongſt the foure Elements, which are the ingredients of all ſublunarie Creatures, there is a notable kind of correſpondencie: the Fire, by condenſation looſeth to the Aire; the Aire, by rarefaction looſeth to the Fire; Water attenuated, becomes Aire; Aire thickned, becomes Water; the Earth, by ſecret conveyances, lets in the Sea, and ſends it back freſh; her Bowels ſerving, as it were, for a Lymbique. So that wee ſee hereby, there is a punctuall retribution, and a kind of mutuall compenſation betweene them, which, doubtleſſe, tends to the propagation and encreaſe of all compounded Bodies; amongſt which, there is alſo a perpetuall and reſtleſſe ſucceſſion of Individuals, to keepe the whole from fayling. For, as a Shippe (as one *made a very appoſite compariſon) riding at anchor, toſſeth and tumbleth up and downe perpetually, yet cannot goe beyond the length of the Cable to which ſhee is* *tyed, and ſo in this turbulent motion ſheweth a conſtancie: ſo is it with the Univerſe, wherein all things hang by the Plummets of Providence.*

Therefore, I cannot ſubſcribe to their ſpeculation, that thinke the World hath beene long ſince in a Hectique Feaver, and ſo drawing on to a Conſumption: That neither Vegetable, Senſitive, nor Rationall Creatures, are in that height of perfection, as in former times: That Vertue ſhines not with ſo ſtrong a luſtre: That Invention is farre ſhallower, and Age ſhorter: That the Moderne World, compard with the Ancient, is as a Dwarfe upon a Gyants ſhoulders, or as Noone ſhadowes compard to the Mornings.

I muſt confeſſe, Antiquitie is venerable; which makes us extenuate things preſent, and extoll things paſſd, and make it ſtill the Burden of our Song, Well fare the old Times; *implying thereby, a palpable decay or dotage in all things.*

Yet we find, that the two great Luminaries of Heaven, and the reſt of the Celeſtiall Bodies, have ſtill the ſame vertue and operation, without the leaſt imaginarie diminution; all Elementarie Bodies receive vigour and ſtrength from their influence.

Therefore I doe not ſee, how the preſent can be ſo farre inferiour, in point of perfection, to them of former Ages, conſidering the virtuall Cauſes remaine ſtill in the ſame ſtrength: and as for Invention, Wiſedome, and Learning, I doe not ſee, but the ſecond thoughts of latter Ages, may be as wiſe as thoſe of elder Times.

I know, the time muſt come, that Heaven and Earth ſhall paſſe away, and that there will be a finall Diſſolution, though no Annihilation of the Matter, but a deſtruction of the Old Forme, and introduction of a New.

And of late yeares, ſome would be ſo foole-hardie, as to preſume to be more of the Cabinet Counſell of God Almightie, then the Angels themſelves, (by whoſe miniſterie, ſome ſay, he created the World) as to point at the preciſe Time of this Diſſolution: amongſt other arguments, they fetch downe one from Heaven it ſelfe; which is, that the Polar Starre, which is in the tayle of the leſſer Beare, was in Ptolomey's *time twelve Degrees from the Pole of the* Equator; *this Starre hath inſenſibly ſtill crept nearer the Pole, ſo that now 'tis but three Degrees off, when it comes to touch or make the neareſt* *approach that can be to the Pole, which may well come to paſſe in 500 yeares;* Nature *her ſelfe, they ſay, muſt expire, or ſome notable Period.*

But I have beene carryed away too farre by this Speculation,cauſd by *Adriana*; which,of any Politicall Body, may be produced for an inſtance, againſt a generall decay, and impairing of the Moderne World: Though ſome,which repine at the *Myrtles* proſperitie, ſay, That thoſe ſtout and *ventrous Trees*, wherewith ſhe was uſd to be fencd, are lately degenerated (in point of valour) to weake *Reeds*, for their Puſillanimitie, and too much Caution, when they come to any Warlike encounter.

And now it is high time for me to ſhake hands with *Adriana*, and *Bombycina* alſo; whereof I muſt not forget to tell you, that the *Olive* now occupyeth foure parts of ſeven, if ſhe were ſo divided: And to his Greatneſſe,and the apprehenſion of feares and jealouſies they have, that he would fiſh in troubled waters, may be aſcribd the Concord and Calme of *Bombycina's* Princes; who, *as once the Mice would have hung a Bell at the Cats Neck, but after conſultation, could not agree who ſhould venture firſt to put it on*; would plot ſomething ſtill againſt the *Olive*. Adde hereunto, that beſides this Peace, there is plentie of Treaſure, that comes to *Bombycina* by the *Olive*, who makes *one* of her proudeſt *Cities* his Scale, for remitting his Moneyes to *Leoncia*: But that Citie, in reſpect of him, may be ſayd *to be as a Partridge under a Faulcons wings*; who can ſeize upon her at pleaſure, but doth not, for politique reſpects.

Bombycina was uſd to be moſt under the *Mulberry*, the wiſeſt of all *Trees*; for, he never puts forth his *Buds*, till all the cold weather be paſſd: And ſo indeed, 'the Plants *Bombycina* produceth, are accounted the wiſeſt, politiqueſt, and moſt reſerved and cautious of all other. 'Tis a Rule amongſt them:

That he cannot be eſſentially wiſe, who openeth all the Boxes of his Breſt to any.

They are, for the moſt part, of a ſpeculative complexion; *And he is accounted little leſſe then a foole, who is not melancholy once a day. They are onely bountifull to their betters, from whom they hope to receive a greater benefit: To others, the Purſe is cloſeſt ſhut, when the Mouth opens wideſt; nor are you like to get a piece of Cake there, unleſſe yours be knowne to be in the Oven.*

Yet are they the greateſt embracers of Pleaſure, of any other upon Earth; and they eſteeme of Pearles as Pebbles, ſo they may ſatisfie their guſt, in point of Pleaſure or Revenge. Here you ſhall find Love and Hatred, Vertue and Vice, Atheiſme and Religion, in their Extremes; for the greateſt Wits depravd, are the moſt dangerous; *Corruptio optimi, eſt peſſima:* Yet the Character *one* lately gave of them, ſeemes to ſavour too much of the Satyre: *viz.*

That the Bombycinian *is unnaturall in his Luſt, irreconcilable in his Hatred, and unfoordable in his thoughts: That with one breath, hee bloweth hot and cold; and to compaſſe his owne ends, he will light a Candle to the Devill.*

I know, there is no Countrey, without her Nick.

As Ampelona, *to be a great* Bedlam.
Bombycina, *a great* Bordell.
Rhenuſium, *a huge* Brew-houſe.
Elaiana, *Natures* Sweating-Tub.
Druina, *a Stage of* Mimiques.
Lurana, *a Fripperie of* Bankrupts.
Monticolia, *a Conventicle of* Hills.
Cardenia, *the Urinall of the* Planets.
And Itelia, *the Suburbs of* Hell, *being ſituated loweſt of any other upon the Earthly Globe.*

For my owne particular, were I to aſſociate with a ſtranger, I would ſingle out a *Bombycinian* before any other, for my converſation: for, of thoſe twelve ſeverall ſorts of Forreners I have had occaſion to converſe withall, I never knew any yet ſymbolizing ſo much with them of *Druina*, or complying more with their humour.

OF THE ARRIVALL OF Prince *ALTAPINVS* in DRVINA.

BVt it is high time for mee to returne now to my *Rhenuſian* Prince *Altapinus*, newly arrivd in *Druina* upon a high deſigne of love, and no leſſe then to the faireſt *branch of the Royall Oke*, that Mirror of all perfections; The *Itelians* and the old Fox of *Ardennes*, with *Druinas* greateſt *Arch-Flamin*, did mainely advance the worke, together with the Princely *Orenge*, and the *Willowes*; but the Royall *Firre* of *Elatena*, and that great Queene from which ſhe *ſprang*, gave but cold conſent thereunto, and it was thought it leſſened ſome part of her naturall affection towards her ever after. Yet *Altapinus* was admitted a Suitor, and as he was in hot purſuite of this brave attempt of love, behold a moſt mournefull accident of fate intervenes; the fall of that brave *Standell*, which ſhould have immediatly ſucceeded the Royall *Oke*, in all his Dominions; This ſtrucke an Earthquake into all hearts for the preſent, which were affected with various paſſions of griefe, feare, amazement,

ment, and darke ſuſpitions, that in regard his fall was ſo immature and ſudden, it could not bee without ſome ſiniſter practiſe of violent meanes, nor can ſome bee wean'd from that conceit to this day, imputing the cauſe of it to a precocitie of Spirit and valour in him, and that therefore ſome infectious Southerne Aire did *blaſt* him. But this is certaine that there was intelligence of it in *Elaianas* Court amongſt the *Luranian* Loyoliſts a prety while before his fall.

This incomparable Prince was ſo lamented, that all kind of *Trees* throughout the whole *Forreſt* hung downe their heads, and ſeemd to be turnd to *Cypreſſes* for the time, which being expird, the nuptialls of Prince *Altapinus* were conſummated, and when the conjugall knot was a tying, the Princely Bride was obſervd to bee poſſeſſd with a ſudden apprehenſion and eruptions of joy, which as the iron decree of fate would have it, turnd after into many pangs, God wot, of anguiſh and ſorrow.

For being but a few yeares ſettled in *Rhenuſium*, during which time all the neighbouring Princes envied their high felicity; Behold the *Cedar*, by the inſtigation of the Loyoliſts, fell out with the *Homebians* who had elected him to be their King, provided that he would keepe their priviledges inviolable, but they alleadging hee had infringed them, they would continue no longer under the ſhelter of his *boughs*, but ſhooke him off, tore his Seales, and reſumd liberty to chooſe another King.

Hereupon they made a proffer of their Crowne (I cannot ſay it was the mayden proffer) to Pr: *Altapinus*, who conſulting upon it, though not ſo maturely, as the diſaſtrous events ſhewd afterwards, accepted it. Many there were which animated him thereunto, and amongſt other motives of incitement they uſd, one was, that *if he had courage enough to adventure upon the faireſt branch, and ſole of that kind of* Druinas *Royall* Oke, *he might very well venture upon a Crowne when it was tendred him.*

Thus he went triumphantly to *Homebia* where hee was inaugurated and crown'd king with many high expreſſions of joy and triumph.

About theſe times behold a fatall torch appeared in the Heavens, placed there by the great Architect of the world, to forewarne Mortals of their miſeries, And the direfullſt effects it produc'd were under that clime:

Thoſe blazing lampes which in this latter age had appeared in the aſteriſmes of Caſſiopæia, the Serpent and Swan brought not forth ſuch horrid events as this in the VIRGIN *ſigne.*

It were to digreſſe from the ſcope of this diſcourſe, to make diſquiſition whether theſe unuſuall lights be *hoſpites* or *Indigenæ*, new-come gueſts or old Inhabitants *in Heaven, or whether they bee meere meteorologicall impreſſions not tranſcending the upper Region, or whether* to bee rank'd amongſt celeſtiall bodies; *I leave the indagation of this high cauſe to the Diſciples of* Iohannes de ſacro boſco *of* Iohn *of* holy buſh, *it being not the ſubject of my* Trees *at this time. But theſe hairie lampes have beene noted to have been alwaies the fatall Vſhers of calamity and alterations in ſtates; And as upon earth prodigious births portend no good, ſo theſe new engendred* *monſters above, point alwaies at ſome ſad events to follow, either λιμὸς, λοῖμος, or πόλεμος, warres, peſtilence, or famine, all which have moſt miſerably rag'd through poore Rhenuſium ever ſince, and ceaſe not to this very houre; and that with ſuch fury, that in many places the bed cannot priviledge the ſick, nor the cradle the ſuckling, nor the great belly the Embryo, nor the Tribunall the Magiſtrate, nor the Altar the Prieſt:*

The chiefe grounds of all which, was imputed to this revolt of the *Homebians*, from the *Cedar*. For the heavens bright eye had ſcarce run one whole carreere through the Zodiake, but towards that ſeaſon of greateſt mirth throughout the whole yeare, The *Cedar* had capitulated with the *Elder*, (who from that time forward fell ſicke of the *gall*, (a diſeaſe incident to old *trees*) againſt *Altapinus*, though he was the principall *branch* of his *ſtock*) to muſter up certaine military forces to his uſe, for the expence of which ſervice he engag'd part of his Country to him, with which forces, though fewer in number, and tyred with long marches, he ſuddenly aſſailed *Altapinus* his royall army, and got the day. The *Flder* purſued his victory to the very walls, where *Altapinus* with the Princely *Carbaſilis* raignd, and being ſurpriz'd were conſtrain'd to flye in confuſd manner with halfe bag and baggage.

Thus the Inconſtant *goddeſſe* turnd her wheele about, and for this ſhadowy Crown made him looſe the ſubſtance, *viz.* his Princely inheritance, the brave territories of *Baccharia*. Some there are which thought it much that *Altapinus* appeard not himſelfe in the field, the day of this battaile, in regard his newly worne

Crowne ſtood upon the fortune of it; And that having good ſtore of treaſure in caſh hee ſuffered his Souldiers to bee heartleſſe, and ready to mutiny for pay, moſt of that treaſure falling afterwards a bootie to the enemy.

The infortunate *Altapinus* traverſing up and down *Rhenuſium* came at laſt with the Princely *Carbaſilis* to *Itelia*, where the martiall *Orenge* well-comd her with high demonſtrations of joy, and his firſt congratulation was, *that if ſhe had beene the* Maſculine Plant, *Homebias Crowne had never beene loſt ſo ſlightly.*

And good reaſon they had to be welcome to *Itelia*, for it is more than conjecturd, that t'was ſhe who put Prince *Altapinus* upon this fatall enterpriſe to advance her owne ends. For the truce with *Elaiana* being then upon point of expiring, ſhe had no hope to draw *Druinas* Monarke, whoſe genius was ſo ſtrongly bent for peace, but by theſe meanes, into military engagements, that ſo part of *Elaianas* ſtrength might fall upon him: but *Itelia* reckond without her hoſt in this point.

For the firſt tydings being brought him of that undertaking, Hee calls his ſages together, and in a profound ſence of ſorrow, and a kind of propheticke ſpirit (and the *Oke* of all other *Trees* is only *fatidicall*) told them, what a fearefull infortunate buſineſſe this would prove; *And that the youngeſt there amongſt them ſhould not ſee the end of it*; which by ſad experience hath provd too true, & yet continueth. Moreover he was uſd to ſay that the *Homebians* made uſe of *Altapinus, as the Fox did of the Catts foot to pull the Apple out of the fire for his own eating*: And from that day to his laſt, he diſavowed the Act, nor would he affoord *Altapinus* the title of King, alleadging that it would bee a dangerous preſident to juſtifie the tumultuary upriſings of ſubjects in that kind againſt their King.

And as this diſaſtrous buſineſſe begun with an ominous Comett, ſo there hath an ill planett, hung over it ever ſince, for ſcarce any enterpriſe hath proſperd in the procedure of it, but one calamity ſtill uſherd in another. *Finis unius mali, Gradus eſt futuri.* As if ſome ill-boding *Mandrake* had beene found out, and grubd up in *Baccharia*, at the beginning of this fatall undertaking. The *Cedar* having thus debelld the *Homebians*, toare the labells of moſt of their ancient lawes, made new ordinances, and put ſome of them to exquiſite torments, pretending that, that Crowne belongd no more to him by *Election*, but that he was their proprietary Liege Lord by *Conqueſt*. Nor did he hold this to be an equall reparation for the indignity he had received by *Altapinus*, but made his recourſe to his Nephew the *Olive*, whom he partly intreated as being the ſtrongeſt of his *ſtocke* (and therefore ſhould be ſenſible of the affront) and partly ſummond him as being Prince of the Rhenuſian Empire, and holding *Leoncia* and other territories in homage of him, to aſſiſt him with ſome auxiliary forces, to vindicat this high diſgrace, which was done him by *Altapinus*.

Hereupon the *Olive* lent him his great Captaine the *Thorne*, with the flower of his forces in *Leoncia*, who ſhortly after invaded *Baccharia* (*Altapinus* his ancient patrimony, and *Carbaſilis* joynture) whereof hee impatronizd himſelfe without ſcarce one ſtroake given; though at that time the Princes that were his confederates, had in a ready martiall equipage twiſe the number the *Thorne* had: But it ſeemes they all prov'd *ſtupid unweldy blockes*, and they colourd their cowardiſe with ſome preſumptions they had, that *Dolus verſabatur in Generali*; that their chiefe leader was corrupted before hand with *Elaianas* gold. Thus that great body of *logges* disbanded in part, yet ſome kept ſtill together, as ſhall bee ſaid hereafter.

The *Cedar* upon this new acqueſt, diſingag'd his owne territory that he had tranſmitted to the *Elder*, and gave him part of *Baccharia* for caution for his diſburſments; And to the *Olive* he transferrd the *tenableſt* and ſtrongeſt places there to hold them as Commiſſary under him.

While theſe feates were a doing in *Rhenuſium*, a hardy *Cavalier*, as hee hath given notable proofes both at Sea and ſhoare, was ſent from *Druina* againſt the *Timauranians* at the requeſt of the royall *Olive*, and this was done by the negotiation of *Mordogan* that notable engin of policy; And it was done of purpoſe, as it appeard afterwards, to weaken and divert the ſtrength of *Druina*, while the *Thorne* invaded, and ſeizd upon *Baccharia*.

This Cavalier complaind he was ſent to fight with his armes tied behinde him, for his Commiſſion being ſo ſtrict (*and ſtrength without Commiſſion ſufficient, is like a match without fire*) that could not meddle with any thing upon the land, *Elaiana* alſo failing of that kind of ſupply ſhee had promiſd to joyne to his, hee could not doe thoſe exploits which might have bin atchievd with ſuch a power; yet his attempt before *Galeri* was brave, had the Heavens continued propitious, and to ſpeake the truth of any publike expedition, *Druina* made abroad ever ſince, this redounded leaſt to her prejudice; For he met with no paſſive encounter, at all, but was maſter of the Sea, and ſecurd traficke all the while; But as the foreſaid attempt in *Galeri* roade for fyring all kinde of bottomes wherein (her offenſive ſtrength only conſiſts) was prevented and daſh'd, by ſudden ſtill perpendicular cataracts of raine: ſo an Age ſince when that *reſtleſſe Martialiſt Elaianas* King and Emperour had an enterpriſe to deſtroy *Galeri*, being in ſight of ſhoare, with a moſt powerfull fleet, one of her Flamins went upon a rocke hard by, and after ſome kind of exorciſing ſpeeches and poſtures, he tooke a long white *wand*, and ſtrooke the waves thriſe, And going thereupon to the Towne, hee encouraged the inhabitants thereof with notable exaggerations of confidence, that they ſhould be of good cheere, for before night there ſhould be *Elaianians* in *Galeri* market as cheape as birds.

Hereupon the Heavens did ſuddenly change hue, and a moſt fearefull tempeſt fell, In ſo much that the Emperour himſelfe eſcaped with extreme difficulty; And it fell true that his Souldiers were ſold by multitudes in *Galeri's* Bannier towards the evening a little after the ſhipwracke.

I will not preſume to pry into the ſecrets of the Almighty diſpoſer of all things whoſe hand-mayd nature is, how farre hee lets looſe the reines to the ill ſpirit of the ayre, to cauſe ſuch ſudden impreſſions upon the Elements, whereof there are daily wonderfull examples amongſt this crue of Corſaries.

I know Philoſophy and ſtrength of art can doe much, and by connexion of naturall Agents and patients fittly applied can produce ſuch effects that may ſeeme admirable to thoſe that know not the cauſe; but for theſe extemporall meteors, I beleeve it is beyond the reach of humane skill, unleſſe the ill ſpirit hath a hand in it.

But what a foule ſhame is it, that one baſe Neſt of *Picaroons* ſhould confront and dayly damnifie all the Weſterne World? Vnleſſe the diſhonour thereof be recompenced with this advantage, That the Voyaging Merchant ſayles with ſtronger and better-built Veſſels, which may ſerve the publique upon occaſion of Warres.

Theſe times were very fatall to Favourites, both in *Elaiana*, *Druina*, and *Ampelona*.

In *Elaiana*, that ancient *Elme*, which bore up that ſpacious Monarchie like another *Atlas*, and ſervd as a mightie *Prop* to the *Olive*, and did what he would in *Petropolis* for ſo many yeares, was removd from the Helme: but fore-ſeeing the ſtorme which was like to fall upon him from the Secular power, hee wiſely transformd himſelfe into an *Yew*; and 'tis well knowne, what high prerogatives the *Yews* have in *Elaiana*.

His *eldeſt Graff* ſucceeded him a while in Royall favour; but he quickly fell, by the malignancie of great ones; the apprehenſion whereof, ſunke ſo deepe into him, that it brought him to his laſt end. His brave old Sire hearing that, ſent him word a little before his fall; *That he underſtood he was dying like a Foole (of meere conceit;) for his owne part, he feard no other* enemies, *but his* yeares.

In *Druina* alſo, that *high-growne Tree*, which had been long foſterd under the indulgent *branches* of the *Royall Oke*, became enamord with the faire Conſort of one of the *nobleſt Elmes* in the whole *Forreſt*; who having continued ſome yeares *fruitleſſe*, and fearing a perpetuall barrenneſſe with him, articled againſt his frigiditie, and ſo pleaded for a Divorce: He perceiving Majeſtie to appeare in it, made but cold oppoſition.

Hereupon it was referrd to the reverend *Yews*, to determine; and amongſt them, ſome gave their ſuffrage for a Nullitie.

A diſcreet Confident of that great Tree, (which came from a *low Plant* to be ſo eminent) diſſuading him from *ingraffing* upon anothers right, was taken as a *block* out of the way, clapd in Priſon, and afterwards made away by Poyſon.

Hereupon He, with his new Conſort, being after an exact Scrutinie, found by the Sages of the Law to be privie to this black Act, were adjudgd to be ſtruck off by the ſtroake of Iuſtice: but by the clemencie of the *Royall Oke* (who never quite forſooke any whom he once favourd) they were ſtill permitted to live; but for ever removd, from being any more ſo neere, under the ſhadow of his pure and Vice-deteſting *boughs*.

And as in naturall privations, there is no receſsion to habit, ſo is it commonly in the favour of Princes; whence if one fall, he is never re-admitted into that fullneſſe and ſtrength of confidence and grace.

But the inferiour inſtruments in this black Act, ſufferd: Which gave occaſion to ſome Critiques abroad, to compare DRUINA's *Lawes to them of* SOLONS, *that were like Cobwebs, through which great Flyes broke out, while the ſmall ones were intangled.*

Nor did the firſt act of this, doe any good to the honour of the Civill Lawes of *Druina*. Yet a notable piece of exemplarie Iuſtice was acted upon the *Guardian* of *Druina's* prime Fortreſſe; who being found onely privie to ſome of theſe paſſages, was doomd to death, to the terror of others, for betraying that high truſt that belongs to that Office: And his death was the more remarkable, becauſe he confeſs'd, that Heavens juſt judgement was fallen upon him; in regard, that to reſtraine himſelfe from Gaming, whereunto he was exceſſively addicted, he made a ſolemne Vow, (which he often broke afterwards) That if he played any more, above ſuch a *value*, he might ſuffer upon ſuch a fatal *Tree*.

That nimble *Eirenarch* (ſo cryed up by *Reports*) who then ſtood at the Helme of the Law, wherein he was ſo active, that *Druina's* Monarch was uſd to ſay, *He was like a Cat, throw him which way you would, he would light on his feet*: This Iuſticer proceeded with that acrimonie to *cut downe* this (now-pittied) great *Tree*, with his high-deſcended *Mate*, and others, that of their *ſprigs* he made a *Rod* for himſelfe; for ever after, he went alwayes declining: which ſome held to be a deſerved judgement upon him, in regard he was often obſervd to inſult upon miſerie, and to looſe a Life ſooner then a Ieaſt, when he ſat upon the Tribunall of Iuſtice.

In *Ampelona* alſo, about this conjuncture of time, a politique *Plant* of *Bombicina's growth*, being by the favour of that *ſtately Tree*, out of which the now *regnant Vine ſprouted forth*, made to *over-top* all the reſt of the noble and Princely *Elmes* in that *Forreſt*, was at the Gate of the Royall Court ſuddenly *felld*, draggd up and downe, his privateſt parts *lopp'd off*, miſerably chopp'd, and the remainder of his body reduced to aſhes, whereof part was hurld into the ayre, part into the water, to extinguiſh the very memorie of him. While this Tragique act was a perpetrating, the generall Crie about him was *Vivat Rex*: whereby was fulfilld the prediction of a Wizard, with whom he had tampred not long before, touching the courſe of his fortunes; who told him, That in ſhort time they ſhould be ſuch, that he ſhould be carryed about the ſtreets of *Tutelia* with ſuch a publique acclamation of joy.

His Conſort, an Enchantreſſe, as ſome would have her, ranne the ſame deſtinie: But that which made the world ſpeake of it the more, was, that after he had been thus, as a man would thinke, quite extinguiſhd, his Proceſſe was formed; whereby he was found guiltie of nought elſe, that I could learne, which was actionable, but of Ambition, which like the Crocodile, never leaves growing; and that being an *exotique Plant*, he went about to take *too deepe rooting in* AMPELONA.

The procedure of this buſineſſe ſeemd very ſtrange to the world, that the Royall *Vine*, having alreadie aſſumd the Character of IUST, ſhould give way, that ſuch a horrid Tragedie ſhould be acted in his owne Royall Palace, (for Palaces of Kings ſhould be Sanctuaries) and that the Delinquent was not proceeded againſt, by Legall forme of Law, till after this violent Death, which preceded the Sentence of Condemnation?

He that ſucceeded him in favour, did ſuddenly make ſuch a *flight*, that from vulgar *Shrubs*, he made himſelfe, and two more which were neareſt to him in *ſtock*, to be rankd amongſt the talleſt *Elmes* in *Ampelona*: yet he fell alſo by a kind of fatall deſtinie (Peſtilentiall, though not ſo precipitate) in the firſt heat of the Warres againſt the *Euſebians*, to which he had incited his Royall Maſter.

What will become of *Ramundas*, who hath the Vogue at preſent, in compariſon of whom, for tranſcendencie of *height* and continuance, the other two were but *Muſhrumps*; I will not undertake to divine: But obſervd it is, *That the ground whereon Favourites ſtand, is no where more ſlipperie, and fuller of Precipices, then in* AMPELONA: Which makes *Ramundas* to barricado himſelfe with as much policie and ſtrength as may be deviſd, againſt all ſhocks of Violence.

OF THE TREATIE OF an Alliance vvith *ELAIANA.*

THe treaty of an alliance twixt *Druina* and *Elaiana*, (*a peece long hammered upon the Anvill of policy, and nationall wiſdome*) did now openly appeare and advance it ſelfe; To which end the *Royall Oke*, to remove all *blockes* that might lye in the way, ridde himſelfe of thoſe places he held *in depoſito* of the *Itelians* to prevent any requeſt or propoſition that ſhould happily come that way from *Elaiana*; And conſidering the daily expences *Druina* was at, and the vaſt ſommes ſhe was out upon them, and that moſt neceſſary dependency of conſervation and community of danger, that was and ſtill muſt bee twixt her and *Itelia*, this Act was not ſuch a great *ſolœciſme* in policy, as ſome Criticks would have it, who in regard they were the very keys of *Itelia*, and her aſſociated *Groves*, obſervd, that while *Druina* kept them in her hands, ſhe was more awed and reſpected by the *Willowes* then ſhe hath beene ſince.

At the cloſe of this buſineſſe, the royall *Oke* did an act full of Majeſty by forbearing much of thoſe huge ſommes which might have beene demanded; And it was in recognition of thoſe rich preſents, *Carbaſilis* receivd, when ſhe paſſd through the *Willowes* to *Baccharia.*

To negotiat this great buſineſſe of alliance twixt *Druina* and *Elaiana*, Earle *Mordogan* a ſhrewd complying Inſtrument, was employed, and going to have his firſt audience, a peece of the royall palace fell under him which could be no good *omen.*

Mordogan had ſtudied the *Genius* of *Druinas* Monarke ſo exactly, that he ſeldome departed from him with refuſalls, hee had ſuch a rare faculty by facetious wayes to diſpatch the moſt important affaires of ſtate; Hee employed all his art (and I beleeve his heart alſo went along) and left no ſtone unrolld to bring this mighty worke to paſſe; yet ſo infortunate hee was, that his endeavours prov'd plauſible neither in *Druina* nor *Elaiana*: But for my part, I am clearely of opinion, that he really wiſhd well unto, and lov'd the *Druinians* next to them of his owne ſoyle beſt of any other, and ſo much he proteſted being arreſted, by the iron mace of fate, a little after he had beene deſignd to returne to *Druina*, when ſummond to his laſt end, it was no time for him to boggle with the world; And the gracious *Oke* now regnant (to whom the *Olive* did churliſhly put over young *Mordogan* for a reward of the manifold ſervices of his dead ſire) did not onely reſent his fall, but vindicat him from thoſe aſperſions that were malevolently caſt upon him to have alwayes played with a ſtaffe of two ends, the one of *Olive*, the other of *Oke*. Yet he received divers outrages in *Druina*, and one time when he had beene rudely uſd and aſſaulted as he paſſd through the ſtreets of *Thamiſond*, and news thereof being poſted, though not by his means, to *Elaianas* Court, where the Royall *Oke* had then two

Soveraigne Miniſters repreſenting himſelfe, yet there was no violence at all offerd them or theirs; which made *Elaiana* take the advantage to arrogat to her ſelfe more civility in this kinde then *Druina.* This cauſd him to ſay, *that Druinas bran was very courſe, but her flowre wondrous fine;* for the *taller ſort of Trees* who could looke over into the true ſtate of things, highly eſteemd him, though the *poplars* who ſee no further then the *rind,* contemnd and vilified him, bringing him often upon the ſtage, and making him the common ſubject of their *paſquils,* wherein he rather gloried, then grew diſcontented.

Amongſt other facetious paſſages of *Mordogan,* I cannot omit one which happend upon his laſt departure from *Druina,* At which time being magnificently feaſted by the chiefeſt Magiſtrate of *Thamiſond,* In the midſt of theſe jollities, he askd leave to begin two healths; The *firſt,* was to the KING his Maſters miſtreſſe, The ſecond to his Wife; the healths being gone round, he thus expounded himſelfe. *That his great Maſters miſtreſſe was* Levantina, *and none are ſo fond of a Miſtreſſe, but if a friend hath a private favour of her, he will winke at it; and ſuch was* Levantina, *who though ſhe properly belongd to his Maſter, yet he ſuffereth the brave adventurers of* Druina *(whereof many were there preſent) to have a bout with her, and he paſſeth it by, and takes not much exception at it; But his Maſters Wife was Columbina whom he deſired to have wholly to himſelfe, and therfore that none ſhould meddle with her; (But the Willowes of late* *have gone about to make him a notorious Cuckold, and have had ready money to lye with her.)*

Like to this was that, when a little after the going of *Altapinus* to *Homebia* he was invited to a ſolemne meeting, where that flexanimous and golden toungd *Orator* (then gardian of the Kings conſcience) began the King of *Homebias* health, he pleaſantly pledg'd it, and paſſd it over, ſaying *it was the firſt time that ever he pledged the Cedars health in Druina.*

For his opinion in holy things, he had a charitable conceipt of *Druina's* Religion, and ſeemd to ſlight many things in that of *Petropolis,* as will appeare by theſe few inſtances following. In a ſerious diſcourſe once of holy orders, when many things were canvaſd *pro & con,* hee ſaid,

That hee feared the ſame doome, and deſtiny attended the Loyoliſts that befell in times paſſd, another great Religious order of Cavaliers, who were growne ſo exceſſively rich, that they were utterly ſuppreſſed with a ſtrange kind of ſuddenneſſe every where, and ſo became a common booty to their Princes. Guic.

Another time when that ſappy and *fruitfull Tree* (out of whoſe ſtocke ſprouted that comely Elme which grevv ſo high under the *branches* of the *Royall Oke,* and did *flouriſh* long in his ſole favour) had ſuch a vogue at Court, that ſhee hoiſd up, and tumbled downe ſome great Officers at pleaſure, and that extraordinary recourſe vvas had to her for matters of grace, Earle *Mordogan* diſpatching a poſt to *Elaiana,* ſent adviſe *that there were never better hopes of* DRVINAS *converſion to Petropolis then then, for* *they began to worſhip the* Mother *more than the ſonne.*

Laſtly, when that long flouriſhing *Favorit* in *Elaiana*, had fallen, and to ſhelter himſelfe from thoſe ſtormes which he foreſaw, would thunder upon him from the temporall power, did cover himſelfe with a ſcarlet robe (the higheſt of ſpirituall dignities) *Mordogan* was askd by *Druinas* Monarke, whether he had ſent for a benediction from his new elected Cardinall, He anſwered, *There was once in Elaiana one who had a Plum Tree in his Garden which was winde fallen, and there being a ſtatue made of the* Trunke *of this Tree and placed in the Church for adoration, he was asked why he neglected to worſhip that ſtatue as hee did others, He anſwered, that he knew that ſtatue from a plant, and what kinde of fruit the Tree had borne, therefore hee thought there was no adoration expected from him.*

Out of theſe inſtances you may inferre that he was an Anti-Loyoliſt, and liked not all things in *Petropolis.*

Nor was that noble *Elme Count Sophronio* whom *Druinas* Monarke employed to *Elaiana* to this end, leſſe dextrous and diſcreet, who although he was not ſo nimble and Mercuriall as *Mordogan*, yet he rather exceeded him in ſolidity and a high reach of underſtanding. He made a rare diſcovery of certaine *plants*, that were *rotten at the heart*, (yet daily ſervd about the *Royall Oke*) that were devoted by penſionary obligations to the *Olive.* He went bravely attended to the *Cedar's* Court, and ſo to the *Eldars*, with whom he was not behind hand. Hee engagd his owne argentry to make up a ſomme of treaſure to preſerve thoſe troupes from diſbanding, which were then in motion for the recovery of *Baccharia* under CAMPANTHROPO, *That admired Captaine of his time, who was ſaid to make Souldiers ſpring up out of the very earth to follow him, though he had not a croſſe to pay them ſalary; And although hee had beene put many times to the foyle and to extreme exigents, yet he never fell ſans reſource, but ſtill rallied his ſquandred ſquadrons, and made offenſive head againe, And moſt brave was that Retrait (and honourable retrait is the difficultſt thing in the feat of armes) which hee made, when by the point of the ſword, hee paſs'd through the very heart of* Leoncia *to his intended rendezvous, where he caus'd the* Thorne *to burne his tents and rayſe the coſtly ſiege hee had then a foot, before one of the prime townes of the* Itelians.

And this was the greateſt cloud that ever fell upon the *Thorne*, ſince hee entred into *Elaianas* ſervice, but hee diſpelld it not long after, and made his honour to ſhine with a greater luſtre then ever, by taking in that *Towne* whereof the *Orenge* was proprietary Lord, notwithſtanding that the *Oke*, the *Vine*, the *Birre*, and the *Aſh* appeard, ſome more, ſome leſſe in that action for the *Willowes*.

Some ſay this ſunk ſo deep into the Princely *Orenge*, that it did accelerat his fall, which hapned not long after.

And he being gon, the *Thorne* wiſely retired to *Bombycina* the Soyle whence hee firſt *ſprung*, fearing that *fortune who being a Female loves Youth beſt, would frowne, and turne her backe towards him now in his declining times.*

There was a ſtrong emulation twixt theſe two great Martialiſts, And the ORENGE derogating one day from the THORNE, becauſe hee was *ſprung* out of a Marchants *ſtocke*, and conſequently was not capable of competition with him who came of a PRINCELIE *Extraction*; He ſent him word *that it was a more glorious thing for a* Marchant *to have command over* Princes, *then for a* Prince *to be commanded by* Marchants.

A brave quarter-giving Enemy the *Thorne* was, but the ſervice of the *Olive* (unleſſe you throw into the Scales the high honour and fame hee purchaſed thereby) provd over precious to him, for hee ſpent not onely the vigour of his dayes therein, but exhauſted much of that great eſtate he brought with him ſo farre, that his owne *plants*, ſome of them, are forced to ſubſiſt meerely by Penſions from *Elaiana*. But that which was worſe being before a *Towne* in *Bombycina* neare his owne home, which he had ſo blockd up and ſtormd, as that he had her as a Bird in a Cage, he was ſuddenly commanded by inexpected order from *Elaiana* to raze his workes, and raiſe the ſiege, notwithſtanding that the Warre continued longer; This they ſay he reſented ſo deepely, that retyring to his owne naturall Soyle, he preſently after *fell*. But it is no new tricke in policy, for diverting the leaſt diſhonour that ſhould fall upon the State, to deſtroy ſome Inſtruments, and make them Sacrifices for the publique. This great Captaine had ſo highly deſervd of the *Olive* (and *Cedar* alſo by taking in of *Baccharia*) that his ſervices ſeemd to tranſcend all reward ; And by him one may learne this leſſon.

That ſupererogatory ſervices, and too great benefits from Subjects to Kings *are of dangerous conſequence, when they make the mind more capable of merit then duty.*

Thoſe fearefull Fires which were kindled through all parts of poore *Rhenuſium*, had now rag'd extreamly, to quench which, the Royall *Oke* ſent ſundry of his Noble *Elmes* in many coſtly legations from time to time, but good King, *While he laboured for peace, they made themſelves ready for battaile.*

And herein the *Cedar* proved very ingratefull to him, conſidering the faireneſſe of his proceedings; And touching the *Elder*, what could be expected from him but *knotty and crooked hollowhearted dealings?* Yet by his high credit with the *Olive*, he often aſſwagd the fury of thoſe conflagrations, by ſuſpenſion of Armes and ceſſation of all acts of hoſtility, and preſervd *Baccharia* a long time from invading ; And hee proceeded ſo far by treaty, that he was profferd to have the Imperiall Ban taken off, of *Altapinus* upon his conformity to a ſubmiſſion, that ſo hee might bee rendred capable to treat, and travell through *Rhenuſium*; to have alſo an entire ſurrender made of his poſſeſſions to his Eldeſt *Graff*, which ſhould be affianced to one of the *Cedars branches*, and in the interim to be brought up in *Druina's* Court. Moreover hee ſhould be reſtored to his Dignity after that old decayed *Elder* ſhould fall, upon whom the ſayd Dignity had beene in a ſhuffling imperfect manner conferrd, yet with this *proviſo*, that the *next Heire ſhould not be prejudiced.*

Theſe propoſitions being ſent to ALTAPINVS, *hee replied, that whereas the adverſe party, requird a Perſonall ſubmiſsion, and that this ſhould precede all other things, by naturall order uſd in like caſes, the reſtitution of his Conntry which was a thing materiall ſhould goe before, and then the other which is but a poynt of Ceremony, ſhould follow; And whereas hee had already complied with the* Cedar *to ſigne an Inſtrument for the conditionall reſignation of the Crowne of* Homebia, *and done other acts of Conformity, and no performance at all on the* Cedars *ſide; If theſe intentions of his were reall, the ſayd ſubmiſsion might bee done as well by a Deputy.*

PRINCE ROCALINO'S Iourney to *ELAIANA.*

WHile matters were thus in hot agitation, and no particular aſſurances yet had, and becauſe that commonly *Dolus verſatur in univerſalibus*, the Royall *Oke* ſent a *choice confident* to *Elaiana's* Court (for there was the mill vvhere theſe matters were a grinding) to know the truth, and reality of things, who having boldly acquitted himſelfe of his charge, and brought adviſe that matters were ſtill involv'd in generalls, Behold a moſt rare adventure, Prince *Rocalino*, vvith *Villerio*, and *two diſcreet confidents* vvell verſd in the *Olives* Court, poſt away in private diſguiſe to *Elaiana*, traverſing the whole diameter of *Ampelona*, where *Rocalino* came in ſo favourable a conjuncture of time, that he ſaw the ſplendor of the *Ampelonian* Court in a ſett ſtately ſhevve, where among other rarities, he beheld one of Natures choiceſt peeces, the *Princeſſe Aretine*, ſparckling like a conſtellation amongſt the reſt, in moving meaſures.

Little thought he then, that ſhe was predeſtined for him, by the high hand of heaven where all mariages are made;

But humane eyes cannot ſee beyond their horizon, they cannot diſcerne future contingencies, and in the conduct of worldly actions, what wee deſire or dread ſeldome directly falls out, but ſomething intervenes and concludes wee leaſt thought of, and if what we expect doe happen, they come not many times till after the ſearch, which ſheweth that there is a ſupernaturall all-diſpoſing power above; Wherefore it is not ſafe for our mindes to ſtay at ſecond cauſes, for this may induce a forgetfulneſſe of the firſt, but we muſt paſſe higher, and by a ſpeculative act of the underſtanding obſerve the diſpoſition, dependency and ſubordination of cauſes to the high will of providence, and then we will confeſſe with the Poet, *that the chiefe linke of natures chaine is tied to the foot of Jupiters chaire.*

From *Ampelona's* Court *Rocalino* flew upon the wings of love towards *Elaiana,* and it was in the beginning of that ſeaſon, that the Lady *Flora* uſeth to cloath our *Grandame* Earth, with a nevv livery diapred vvith various flovvers, and chequerd with all delightfull objects; *a ſeaſon that was uſ'd to bee no leſſe proper, than propitious to lovers.* The pretty ſongſters of the ſpring with their various notes did ſeeme to welcome him as he paſſd, the woods put forth their bloſſomes, the earth her Primeroſes and *daiſeyes to behold* him, the aire blew with gentle Zephires. But in the Heavens it

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was obſerved there was an inauſpicious conjunction betweene Iupiter and *Saturne that dull and malevolent planet.*

Rocalino being come with no leſſe difficulty then danger to the *Olives* royall Court, the firſt thing hee did was to diſpatch a poſt preſently to *Druina* to carry newes of his ſafe arrivall there. That night and next day after there were darke whiſpers up and down, but towards the evening *Villerio* went privately to the royall palace where he had audience, and whence *Chenandra the ſole ingroſſer of the Olives favour*, did accompanie him backe to wellcome Prince *Rocalino*, who magnifying that brave journey, and diſcovering wonderfull motions of joy,

Hee ſaid the Olive and the Oke ſhould part the world betweene them, and that it ſhould bee a match preſently, for he doubted not but hee came thither to be of their Religion; whereunto anſwer being made, that *hee came not thither for Religion, but for a Wife*; *Chenandra* replied ſhort, *that there muſt bee then a diſpenſation procurd from* Petropolis.

That night *Elaianas* Monark himſelfe came to congratulate Prince *Rocalino* to *Sophronio's* dwelling, but he mett him halfe way, and with much complement and mutuall embraces parted for that time.

The next day he brought forth in a ſolemne ſtately kinde of march the LADY AMIRA (the jewell which ſhould have beene the prize and guerdon of that heroicke adventure) to bee ſeene of purpoſe by *Rocalino* in tranſitu; But it being divulgd abroad it was Prince *Rocalino* that was come, all were tranſformd into a kind of amazement, which broake out after into incredible acclamations of gladneſſe, every one extolling to the very ſtarres, the bravery of the action, And the generall vote was, *that it were great pitty but the Lady Amira though ſhe were a goddeſſe, ſhould be throwne into his armes that every night, hee had ſo well deſervd every inch of her*; They ſaid further *that all the Angels in Heaven came along with him*, for the Country having extreamely ſuffered by a long unuſuall drowth, upon his comming there fell downe moſt wholſome fructifying ſhowers, wherein t'was ſaid, the *Earth dranke healths to congratulate his comming thither.*

The next morning the Royall *Olive* ſent ſome prime *Elmes* to attend Prince *Rocalino* in quality of Officers of ſtate, and a little after he was brought to the royall palace in the ſame ſtate *Elaiana's* Kings uſe to be attended the day of their Coronation. The Royall *Olive* himſelfe accompanied him, with all the flower of his Court, and alwayes from that day to the very laſt he ſtayed there, he gave him ſtill the precedency, tranſmitting to him all petitions and matters of grace; multitudes of priſoners were releaſd, and indeed there wanted nothing that might be added to the very height of all externe honour and ceremony.

But let us looke a little into the interiour carriage of the maine buſineſſe, and there you ſhall finde that,

Quercus connubium, connubia tractat Oliva.

When *Rocalino* arrivd, matters were brought to that perfection by the ſtrenuous negotiation of *Sophronio*, that there wanted nothing for the conſummation of all things, but a diſpenſation from *Petropolis*, which at laſt came, and before that time *Rocalino* was not admitted to ſpeake with the *La*: *Amira* in quality of a *Sutor*, but a *Prince*; Now the ſaid diſpenſation came cloggd with an unhappy inexpected clauſe, thruſt in of purpoſe, as it appeard, to retard the procedure of things, which was, that whereas there were *Certaine Articles condeſcended unto by* Druina's *Monarke in favour of the* Petropolitans *that were in that kingdome, and other Crownes under his dominion, the great* Archflamin *demanded caution for the performance of them;* The Royall *Oke* anſwered, that *he could give no other caution then his word and oath, and* Rocalino *ſhould doe the like, which ſhould be confirmd by his Counſell of ſtate and exemplified under* Druinas *broad Seale;* but this would not ſatisfie unleſſe ſome Petropolitan Soveraigne Prince would engage himſelfe for them.

Hereupon all matters were like to goe off the hinges, and a buzze went out, that *Rocalino* intended to get away covertly.

In theſe traverſes *Chenandra* ſteps forth, and ſaid *there were three wayes to conclude this buſineſſe; two good, and one bad; The firſt good way was, that Prince* Rocalino *ſhould become a* Petropolitan.

The ſecond was, that as Elaiana *was oblig'd to him for his free comming thither, ſo Shee might as freely deliver him the* LADY AMIRA, *truſting him without further conditions.*

The ill way was, not to truſt Rocalino *at all with any thing, but binde him as faſt as they could.*

While matters were thus a canvaſing, and gathering ill bloud, *Elaianas* King ſteppd out, and profferd to engage himſelfe by oath, for the ſatisfaction of the great *Archflamin*, but with this proviſo, that hee muſt firſt conſult with his ghoſtly fathers, whether he might do it *Salva conſcientia* or no. Hereupon the buſineſſe was referrd to a comittee of the *learnedſt Yewes*, and the ſtate of the queſtion was,

Whether the Olive might with ſafety of conſcience take an oath in behalfe of Druinas *Monarke, and* Rocalino, *for performance of ſuch and ſuch Articles that were agreed upon in favour of the* Petropolitans, *throughout the kingdomes of the Royall* Oke.

This aſſembly long demurrd and dwelt upon the queſtion, and after a long protraction of time, they concluded at laſt affirmatively; *And in caſe the Oke faild to execute what was ſtipulated, the Olive was to vindicate his Oath, and right himſelfe by the ſword.*

This difficulty being ſurmounted, there was exceeding great joy, and all the Capitulations were interchangeably ſworne unto both by the *Oke* and *Olive*, and as *Chenandra* ſaid in *Elaiana*, ſo the Royall *Oke* himſelfe was ſo confident, that he ſaid;

All the devills in hell could not now breake the match; whereunto a blunt facetious Knight being by, anſwerd, that there was never a devill now left in hell, for they were all gone to ELAIANA *to helpe to make up the match.*

But matters being ſcrued up to this height, the great *Archflamin*, as heaven would have it, fell; Vpon *which tydings the Royall* Olive *came to Prince Rocalino* and told him *that he had receivd very ill newes, which was, that the holy Sire, who was ſo great a friend to the intended alliance (who had formerly writ unto, and ſent to viſit Prince* Rocalino) *was taken away by the hand of fate, and in regard there was yet no contract but a treaty only a foot, hee could not proceed further in this buſineſſe without a ratification of the former licence by* Meliſſanus *the newly choſen* Archflamin, *which by reaſon of his indiſpoſition of health, and the large diſtance of place, could not bee diſpatchd with that celerity that was wiſhd: But now that his highneſſe was pleaſd to ſtay ſo many years for a wife, might well ſtay a few months longer, and he would undertake to negotiat and procure that diſpatch from* Petropolis *with all the expedition that might be; And if he pleaſd to give way that the* La: Amira's *journey to* Druina *might be defer'd, untill the next enſuing ſpring, he would give him a blanke to write his owne conditions, touching the ſurrendry of* Baccharia, *which might recompence his ſo long ſtay*: Prince *Rocalino* upon this anſwerd, that *he was infinitely bound to his Majeſty for all thoſe tranſcendent favours hee had receivd ſince his arrivall to his Court,* *and the reaſons that inducd him to undertake ſo hazardous a journey were two; One to ſtreigthen the league of amity with his Majeſty in his owne perſon; the other was, to give the world a greater teſtimony of his love to the* Lady Amira *to whom hee had already tranſmitted his beſt affections; And hee had thought the Soveraigne Agents of his Royall ſire, had brought matters to that ripeneſſe, that hee needed not to have come thither to treat of a mariage, but to fetch home a Wife; Now ſince his Majeſty alleadgd that the late holy* Archflamin *being gone, hee cannot proceed further without the approbation of Meliſſanus the newly Elect, hee deſird him to conſider that if his Majeſtie had a ſpirituall ſire to comply withall, hee had a naturall ſire to obey, which was* DRUINAS *Royall Oke, whoſe toppe being already periwiggd with ſnowy age, was ſickly and impotent and ſubject to many indiſpoſitions, therefore hee feard that hee being his ſole Maſculin plant, and the ſtaffe and comfort of his age, it had already wrought ſome ill impreſſions in him, that he wanted him ſo long beyond the propoſed time. Beſides the eyes of all* DRUINA *were fix'd upon him, and hee being their next ſucceeding hopes, this his ſo long abſence might produce ill effects,* *and dangerous conſequences of ſtate at home; Adde hereunto that there was a Royall fleet already floating on the Seas for his transfretation, and the ſeaſon, if hee retarded his voyage any longer, would grow rough and dangerous. Moreover his Majeſty was not ignorant, that the Capitulations which his Royall Sire had ſignd and ſworne unto, and were confirmd by his Counſell of ſtate, were done with this proviſo, that if hee be not returnd in Druina by ſuch a time, all that was paſſd ſhould be* pro non facto.

The *Olive* hearing this, ſtood a while at a ſtand, and after ſaid, *Since his Highneſſe had preſſd the neceſsity of his departure with ſuch pregnant reaſons; if he feard any commotion in Druina, by reaſon of any thing that might reflect upon theſe proceedings, hee would ſend an army with him of purpoſe; And ſince matters were ſo, his Highneſſe might thinke fit to leave a ſubſtitutive power, with whom he pleaſd to bee contracted to the* La: Amira, *which ſhould be precisely done ten dayes after the confirmation ſhould come from* Petropolis; *And if hee pleaſed to repoſe that truſt in him, he would faithfully diſcharge it, and eſteeme it a ſingular favour, and then hee might ſend when, and whom hee pleaſd for her, for ever after ſhe ſhould be at his diſpoſing.*

Prince *Rocalino* replied, *That touching his firſt propoſition, for an army to goe with him, the remedy would be farre worſe than the diſeaſe, though there ſhould bee tumults in* Druina;

For the ſecond, he made ſemblance to bee mightily taken with it, ſaying, that of all the Grandezas he had received ſince his comming to his Royall Court, this ſurmounted all the reſt, therefore he would leave a power behind in Sophronio's *hands, to that end.*

This being done, *Rocalino* without the leaſt ombrage of diſcontentment, prepares for his journey backe, leaving behind him Gemmes of invaluable *eſteeme*, and ſuch as was confeſſd, never to have beene ſeene the like in that Court, as preſents for the *Lady Amira*, which were, I cannot deny, very honourably returnd by *Elaiana* after the rupture of the treaty, and publike declaration of warre.

The *Olive* himſelfe with the reſt of the royall ſtemme, accompanied him a dayes journey of, and never were ſeene ſtreighter embracements, and outward arguments of love and reiterated endearements betweene any, then betweene the *Olive* and *Rocalino* at their departure.

But *Villerio* and *Chenandra* parted not ſo lovingly, *Villerio* telling him, *That hee acknowledged himſelfe unmeaſurably obligd, to the royall Majeſty of the* Olive, *and the reſt of the Princely branches in an eternall tye of gratitude, and that therefore he would mainly endea-*

vour, in what in him lay, to nouriſh and ſtrengthen ſtill the peace twixt the dominions and ſubjects of both Crownes, But for your ſelfe Count Chenandra, you have ſo many wayes diſobliged me, that J cannot make any profeſsion of future friendſhip to you without flattery; Chenandra anſwered very ſhort, that hee accepted of what hee had ſaid, and ſo they parted.

Prince *Rocalino* taking his leave of the *Lady Amira*, was deſird by her to ſee a *Veſtall Saint* in his way as he paſſd, who was then cried up for miracles; In ſome divine exerciſes ſhe was reported to be often lifted up in the aire, and appeare as freſh as a roſe, though ſhe was ſo furrowd with age, that ſhe lookd like a ſpirit kept in a bagge by ſome conjurer.

But hee comming thither, and ſhee mingling diſcourſe with him a long time, the ſubſtance whereof was for the moſt part, that he ſhould bee good to the *Petropolitans* in *Druina*, and to beſtow an alme amongſt her poore veſtall ſiſters, there could no elevations be diſcernd, or any ſudden changes at all in her, or any other miraculous feates, though ſhee could have never ſhewd them in better company. Prince *Rocalino* being conveniently attended to the Sea ſide, and with extreame hazard embarkd, a private inſtrument was diſpatchd in his name to *Elaianas* Court with inſtructions to *Sophronio* to ſtay the delivery of the proxy, till further directions from him; But theſe inſtructions were not to bee delivered untill the Ratification had come from *Petropolis*.

In the interim great preparations were made againſt the celebration of the nuptials, The *Lady Amira* applied her ſelfe daily to learne *Druinas* language, the Soveraigne Miniſters which repreſented the perſon of *Druinas* Monarke, carried themſelves rather like ſubjects towards her, then Ambaſſadours; Many rich accouſtrements and preſents ſhee had provided for Prince *Rocalino*, Her family was aſſignd her, her officers diſtinguiſhd, And (which weigheth much with me, for the reality of the thing) *Sophronio* had provided a great number of brave liveries for his attendants,as rich as any that ever were worn in that Court, and matters were cryed up with ſuch a certitude, that the mart went twenty to one, the buſineſſe would take.

At laſt the Ratification came plenary, and abſolute from *Petropolis*, but a cunning rumor went out, it had come ſome weekes before, upon which the private inſtructions which were ſent in Prince *Rocalino's* name were anticipated by *Sophronio*, who while he remaind anxious and fearefull to preferre a private order to the prejudice of the high Commiſſion of *Druina's* Monarke under the greateſt ſeale, *which none can countermaund or ſuſpend but the ſame power that give's it*, hee proceeded ſtill untill new inſtructions came from the *Royall Oke* himſelfe to ſtay the delivery of the ſaid proxy;

And that *whereas before he treated ſingly of a match, hee ſhould now joyne the Reſtitution of* Baccharia *with it, for he would not marry* Rocalino *in joy, and leave Carbaſilis in teares.*

Sophronio ſolliciting the royall *Olive* upon the new Commiſſion, and not receiving a ſatisfactory poſitive anſwer, had order to depart that Court, and ſo all was daſhd to peeces.

VVhence I learne, that *in politicall affaires, as well as mechanicall, it is farre eaſier to pull downe, then build up; for that ſtructure which was above tenne ſommers a building, and that by no meane* Artiſts, *was deſtroyd in a moment.*

And the world adjudged *Elaiana* to be well apayed for the hard meaſure ſhe had offerd Prince *Rocalino*, to tantalize him ſo long with dilatory hopes, and let him returne at laſt without his errand: For upon the very point, when the buſineſſe ſhould have beene conſummated, and the *Lady Amira* tendred, the motion may bee ſaid to have beene rejected as it were by *Druina.*

Many obſtacles concurrd to hinder this great worke.

The maine of all, difference in Religion; for ſo ſimple and blockiſh were they of *Elaiana*, that the common voice was, *Prince Rocalino came thither to make himſelfe a Chriſtian*; And happy had it beene for that buſineſſe, if he had never lodgd in the Royall Palace, but had taken one of his owne, wherein *Druinas* liturgie, and the rites of her Church might have openly appeard to unbeguile thoſe ſilly wretches.

The claſhings twixt *Villerio*, *Sophronio*, and *Chenandra*, who oppoſd it as long as t'was ſafe for him, the exceptions that were taken at *Villerios* Commiſſion.

But pitty it was, that the intendments of Soveraigne Princes, ſpecially ſuch an action as that, which concernd the incolumity and peace of all the Weſterne world, the quenching of thoſe fires in *Rhenuſium*, the reinveſting of *Carbaſilis in Baccharia*, which as it was then given out, ſhould be redelivered at the inſtance of the Lady *Amira* after the Match, to ingratiat her ſelfe thereby the more to the *Druinians*, beſides a mighty advantage of commerce, *for no Country is able to doe* DRUINA *more good and leſſe hurt then* Elaiana ; I ſay what pity it was, that all this ſhould bee fruſtrated by privat paſsions and intereſts.

Another rub in the way, was the diſaffection of thoſe Miniſters that were ſent laſt to *Druina* to finiſh all things, eſpecially *one of them*, and he the chiefeſt, whoſe heart did not go along with the buſineſſe.

It was alſo diſcovered that the *Luranians* (of whom multitudes ſubſiſt by the *Olive*, who if the buſineſſe had taken effect had beene diſmiſſed, and that Crowne disburdened of thoſe Penſions they received, but they preferring to ſticke there rather to a certaintie, then to ſeeke new fortunes, and begin the world againe in their owne Soyle) did no good offices in the conduct of this buſineſſe.

Beſides 'twas thought the *Ampelonian*, and the *Myrtles* Ambaſſadors, with others there Reſident, were not idle.

Furthermore it had beene wiſhed that ſome had had more *Diſcretion* joynd with their *Zeale* to this great buſineſſe, which ſhould have made them more cautious and reſervd in their ſpeeches and behaviour, and complied better with the humour of the *Elaianians*, againſt whō & the poverty of that countrie, they would openly inveigh and gibe at, even in the Royall Palace.

Some ſayd, *if they had left an eye behinde them in* Elaiana, *they would not come thither to fetch it againe*; Others, *that they would never returne thither unleſſe it were to Conquer her* ; Others,

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that they would never ſee her againe unleſſe twere in a Mappe; Others would ſay, *they thought there was no Reſurrection out of her ground.*

Which puts me in mind of that *boyſterous Buffon*, who ſayd in the Royall preſence of *Elaianas* Monarque, *that his Maſter was neareſt and likeſt to* God *Almighty of any King upon Earth, and being asked why? Hee anſwered that* God *Almighty had but onely one Sonne, and Hee was ſent to bee Crucified by* Iewes; *And* Druinas *King alſo having but one, hee ſent him to bee crucified by* Elaianians.

But for *Rocalino* himſelfe, as *Elaiana* rings of the renowne of that *heroique Enterprize*, and will doe, to all Poſteritie, ſo to this day his memorie and fame is freſh in that Court, for his ſage and Princelie comportment, mixd with ſuch a becomming gravitie, that it ſuted with the very genius of that Nation, where *a Prince without gravitie, is ſaid to be like a Peacock without a Tayle.* Whence it may be inferrd, that though the maine buſineſſe tooke not (which continues a darke kind of riddle to this day) yet *Rocalino* gaind much in poynt of honour, beſides the mighty experience (*which is the great Looking-glaſſe of Wiſdome*) he purchaſed thereby.

Never was Lady ſo gallantly courted, no not *Daphne* her ſelfe (whom the amorous god converted to a *Laurell*) was woo'd with that braverie, and ſtrength of affection, which was ſhewed with that fervor, that *Elaiana* very poorely made uſe of it, to gaine time & get ſtricter conditions; for as I heard one of them ſay, *Love is like a Panne of Charcole, which meeting*

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with the wind its contrary, makes it turne more ardent ; Or like a rapid torrent which juſling againſt a damme ſwells higher ; ſo love meeting with oppoſition growes hotter and ſtronger.

But a moſt unworthy thing it was, and which all the world cryed out at, to make this his heat of love, and comming thither, two acts which ſhould have accelerated the buſineſſe, to turne to his diſadvantage. But it hath thriven with them accordingly, for it is obſervd that their affaires up and downe the world ever ſince have thriven but very odly.

After his departure it was diſputed *pro & con*, whether that affection whereof he had ſhewed ſuch brave teſtimonies, was reall or no; howſoever it was granted by both ſides, that *Rocalino* had purchaſed a high opinion of honour by it ; for if it was reall, hee ſhewed himſelfe to be a great maſter of his affections, that he could checke and call them home ſo ſoone ; If it was otherwiſe, it diſcovered a high poynt of wiſedome, to act the part of an Amoriſt ſo lively and pathetically. Had that *blind Greeke*, one of the Muſes firſt Prieſts, bin contemporarie to this heroique adventure, how proud had hee beene of ſo ſublime a ſubject to heighten his fancie, a ſubject indeed *adæquate* to *Apollo* himſelfe and his whole quire of Daughters ; And I cannot wonder enough, that none all this while to whom Ex *meliore luto finxit præcordia Titan*, have not employed their Talent to this taske, conſidering the rareneſſe, and richneſſe of the matter.

But to reſume my diſcourſe, *Sophronio* having received that foreſaid new command from the Royall *Oke*, went to propound the entire & ſpeedy ſurrender of *Bacharia.*

The OLIVE anſwered, that if a treatie

would bee commencd with the Cedar, *who was now Lord of it, and Hee, with the Elder, (but his Commiſsioners,) if hee came not to termes of conformity, hee would joyne armes with* Druina *to recover it, and for caution hereof hee would engage that rich Citie whither his fleet of treaſure arrives yearely.*

But this not ſatisfying, hee went to take his leave of Elaianas *King, who had commanded Chenandra a little before to tell him in his name, that hee had receivd adviſe of his Revocation, and underſtood alſo by diverſe advertiſements, what clouds were engendring in* Druinas *Court, and in regard the envie which was drawne upon him proceeded from the labours and endeavours he had employed to finiſh the match, therefore he would hold himſelfe much touchd in honour, if for this cauſe any ſhould ſo prevaile againſt him as to cauſe his ruine or diſgrace. Therefore he would write to* Druina's *King, and ſend a particular Ambaſſador, if neede requird, to repreſent the true ſtate of things, in regard that* Sophronio *had ſervd him with that exactneſſe of fidelity which was well knowne to the world, and to* Elaiana, *in particular, that it deſervd not onely to be aſsiſted with all good offices, but it was fit to be rewarded, and publiſhed; And that the Royall* Olive *for the example of his owne ſubjects, and encou-*

encouragement of thoſe that did or hereafter ſhould ſerve other Princes with that punctuality as Sophronio *had done, had commanded him to offer him a blanke ſignd by the Royall* Olive *himſelfe, wherein he might ſet downe his owne conditions, both in point of title and fortune; And this hee did in no way to oblige another Prince his ſubject, but only as an encouragement to honeſt and faithfull proceedings, and therefore he would not make theſe offers in private but juſtifiable to the world, and would accompany all hee ſhould doe, with a declaration, that this hee had done, was for the ſervice hee had done his owne Maſter.*

Sophronio replied, that *he was much afflicted to heare ſuch language; and that hee deſird it might be knowne and underſtood, that* Elaiana *was not any way beholden to him, for what ever he had done, he did it, for that he thought it fitteſt, for his Maſters ſervice and his own honour, without having any relation to Elaiana; And that he ſervd a Maſter from whom he was aſſurd of juſtice and due reward: And for thoſe who were thought his enemies, hee knew their power to bee great, but hee ſervd ſo juſt a Maſter, that hee doubted not, but his innocency would prevaile againſt any wrong, they ſhould intend him; And though his own integrity would not give him leave* *to apprehend any kind of danger or diſfavour from his ſaid Maſter, and were he aſſured to runne into eminent danger, yet would he rather goe home to caſt himſelfe at his feete for mercy, and thereby comply with the duty and honour of a faithfull ſervant, then to bee the greateſt of Elaianas Princes.*

So I leave this mighty buſineſſe for a Riddle (as I ſaid before) both to the preſent and all future ages; *For the bookes of Kings are written in darke Characters which few can uncypher, and their Actions like deepe foords, wherein Elephants may only ſwimme; Or as great Rivers, whereof we ſee the courſe of the ſtreame, but know not the ſource.*

So I leave alſo *Sophronio* preparing for his journey, and inexpreſſible it is, what a blacke kind of obſtupefaction, and regret all the world was poſſeſd withall in *Elaianas* Court, ſpecially the *La*: *Amira*, who, wee thought, would have turnd into one of the *Heliades* (thoſe amber weeping-trees) for ſorrow. Many arguments of a reall love appeard from her towards *Rocalino*, amongſt others one was, that ſhe cauſed many divine duties to be performed for his ſafety in his returne to *Druina*; where being landed he fell down and kiſſd the very earth for joy; And being come to *Thamiſond*, one would have thought that huge body compoſd of ſuch numberleſſe peeces had beene all one fire, and turnd to one flame from thoſe huge piles of ſacrifices of univerſall joy, notwithſtanding thoſe huge cataracts of water that powrd downe from the meteors; But greater farre, and more ardent were thoſe inward flames of gladneſſe, wherewith all hearts did burn and ſparkle to ſee their *Rocalino* againe. All mouths were full with *Oken leafs and in the Wood ſo wide*, &c. with other ſuch ſongs and catches of airie mirth; The very inanimat creatures as ſteeples and walles, did ſhake with joy, yea the very pavements and channels pledgd healths for this happie returne.

Amongſt other forren congratulations which came from farre and neare, *CARBASILIS* ſuddenly ſent, but with this Complement, *That next to the hand of divine providence, he might thanke her, and her numerous graffs, that hee came ſo ſafely and freely backe*, ſo that I cannot but deride their ſhallowneſſe, and poverty of judgment, who thinke *Elaiana* had any deſigne to detaine him there.

The *Royall Oke* ſummond hereupon a generall aſſembly, wherein by the relations of *Villerio* (and indeed he for his own particular had little reaſon to love *Elaiana* ever after for ſome diſreſpects that had paſſd,) the two treaties, touching the alliance with *Elaiana*, and reſtitution of *Baccharia* were quite diſſolvd by the unanimous vote of that great Aſſembly, not one diſſenting from it, which made his Majeſtie ſay, *That he thought they were led by one ſpirit, as the ſeventy Interpreters.*

And nothing could be more pleaſing to the *Druinians* then the rupture of theſe treaties, as the caſe then ſtood, for they were extreamely nettled to ſee the *Princely ſtandell* of their Royall *Oke* returne from *Elaiana* with a *branch of willowes*.

Nor indeed did the *poplars and coppices* and vulgar ſort of *Druinas Trees*, ſpecially *Thamiſond*, ever affect this match, for they were tranſported with ſuch a reaſonleſſe

leſſe averſeneſſe to it, that whoſoever did ſpeake but in favour of it, or diſcoverd any good wiſhes to it, hee was preſently held a Petropolitan, and to have (*ſwallowed a leafe of the Ivie.*

The *Petropolitans* throughout all *Druina* were exceedingly dejected and creſt-fallen at theſe proceedings, and that matters went ſo croſſe in *Elaiana*; And as it was obſerved to be an ill favourd augury, that a peece of the royall tarraſſe fell under *Mordogan* at his firſt audience, when he came *Hoc agere*, when the treaty of alliance begun to be in ſerious agitation; ſo a little before this diſſolution of it, another fatall accident, or rather tragique preſage fell out in *Thamiſond*: For as the *Petropolitans* were in midſt of divine exerciſe, and ſome ſay inveighing againſt the *Euſebians*, the Oratory ſuddenly tumbled downe, ſo that a great number of them were quaſhd to death by the very inanimat creatures of ſtones and rubbiſh to the conſternation of all the world.

And this happened when they were a gogge and building of Caſtles in the aire, and at the height of their hopes, that by vertue of the ſaid alliance, they ſhould have a kind of liberty of conſcience equall to a Toleration.

The *Royall Oke* following the adviſe of the foreſaid great Counſell prepared for a warre, which quite *turnd the match, to powder; Mars thruſts Hymen out of dores, and Janus gates flew wide open*; Then which nothing could bee more thwarting and oppoſite, the one to his diſpoſition, the other to his deſires which had beene ſo vehemently carried that way for many yeares;

They promiſed to make him belovd at home, and feard abroad as much as any Prince that was, to which end they gave him round ſommes of moneys; A *polemicall Counſell* was erected for the conduct of the martiall affaires, and by the gracious condeſcent of Majeſty they were to diſpoſe of the pecuniary levies that were made to that end.

As matters were reducd to this paſſe, behold a notable peece of machiavillianiſme, formd and complotted againſt *Villerio* by the Soveraigne Miniſters *Elaiana* had then in *Thamiſond*; who in a private audience they deſird to have of *Druinas* Monarke, undertooke to diſcover unto him a notable conjuration intended both againſt his royall dignity and perſon, which was; *That* Villerio *with ſome of the Prime of his Counſell had conſulted of the arguments and meanes that were to be taken for the diſſolving of the forementioned treaties; And that their conſultations paſſd ſo farre, that if the Majeſty of* Druinas *King would not accommodat himſelfe to their Counſels herein, he ſhould have a houſe of pleaſure, where hee might retire himſelfe to his ſports, in regard that prime* Rocalino *had now yeares and parts anſwerable for the publike governement.*

The royall *Oke* upon this imperfect overture, made many inſtances unto them that they would give him the Authors of ſo pernicious a conſpiracy; but they inſtead of confirming the great zeale they pretended to beare him, all the anſwer they made conſiſted of arguments againſt the diſcovery of the Conſpirators. Hereupon his Majeſty commanded ſome of his *ſecretſt Counſellors*, with others to be examind and ſworne, and that ſuch interrogatories ſhould bee propounded unto them that were moſt pertinent to the accuſation; whereby there was found in *Villerio,* and the reſt who were impeachd a very cleare and ſincere innocency, touching theſe foule imputations.

This being ſo, new inſtances were made to the ſaid Ambaſſadors, that they ſhould not prefer the diſcovery of the names of the conſpirators to the ſecurity of his royall Majeſty, the truth and honour of themſelves; and the hazard of an opinion to be held the tracers of a plot of ſuch malice, ſedition and danger; But the Informers continued in a knobby kinde of obſtinacy reſolving ſtill to conceale the names of the Authors.

Hereupon *Druinas* Monarch ſent *two of his ſages* to tell them, *that they being the Authors of an accuſation ſo pernicious, had rendred themſelves incapable to treat further with him, and were it not for the reſpect he bore to* Elaiana's *King whoſe perſon they did repreſent, hee would and could by the law of Nations and the right of his owne Royall Juſtice proceed againſt them with ſuch ſeverity as the offence deſervd, but for the reaſon aforeſaid hee would leave the reparation thereof to the juſtice of the Royall Olive himſelfe of whom he would demand and require it.*

Hereupon the Soveraign Miniſter who was then employed in *ELAIANA* *was commanded to require refaction and ſatisfaction againſt the Informers or rather inventors and forgers of the aforeſaid miſinformation, which was of that quality,* *that*

that it was ſufficient to put impreſsions in him of perpetuall jealouſies, in regard that through Villerio, *they did wound Prince* Rocalino, *and the beſt of his ſubjects; for it was not probable, that* Villerio *would have hurld himſelfe into ſuch an enterpriſe without communicating of it firſt to him, yet notwithſtanding the Royall* Oke *would not mingle the correſpondence and friendſhip he holds with the Majeſty of the* Olive, *with the faults and offences of his Miniſters, but leave them, and reſtraine them to themſelves.*

These things being repreſented to *Elaianas* King, he ſeemd then to be ſomwhat ſenſible of them; but when the aforeſaid Miniſters were returnd, they were onely confind for a few daies: but afterwards inſtead of reprehenſion they were rather rewarded and further employed.

Not long after, the Royall *Oke* who all his life time had continued in a conſtant calme of tranquillity, notwithſtanding that al the circumjacent *Forreſts* were often in fearefull combuſtions about him, and had beene the gracious Vmpire of ſo many Soveraigne quarrels (glorying in the attribute of peacefull (and might bee ſaid to have bin the *Caducean Rod* which compoſd and charmd all diſſentions twixt other Princes) was feld by the dire hand of fate, being newly plungd in a war againſt *Elaiana*.

From the very time that hee *ſprouted* firſt above ground, he was purſued with treaſonable practiſes, and his tutelar Angell ſtill mervailouſly garded him.

Nor was there ever any Monarke upon earth *ſince his time that writ from the Cedar to the ſhrub, of a greater latitude of learned knowledg, which made him to bee termd* Druinas *third Univerſity. Aarons rod never bore more buds then under the branches of this gracious Oke; Nor did the Groves of the Muſes and common-wealth of letters ſo fructifie at any time; ſo, that in the firmament of learning hee will ſhine to all poſterity a ſtarre of the greateſt magnitude,*

Creſcet oculto velut Arbor ævo,
Fama.——

Touching his profound reach in holy things, let that pourtrait drawne out of the ſacred Oracle, and the difficultſt part thereof, beare the world witneſſe; which peece hee ſent the great Archflamin *to pay him all old arrearages.*

Never any Country flouriſhed more in the *Commutative* part of juſtice, as did *Druina* in his time, ſpecially the firſt tenne yeares, in which ſpace, beſides other places, *THAMISOND* did ſo enrich her ſelfe, that ſhee gathered more than ſhe had done in thirty yeares before.

His ſtately *ſpouſe* ſprung out of the ancient ſtemme of the Royall *Firre* of *Elatena*, was tranſplanted ſome yeares before to the celeſtiall Paradiſe, whither *t'was ſaid ſhe went in Noahs Arke, and He in Elia's Chariot, alluding to the* quality of their diſeaſes, the one *aquatike*, the other *hot and dry*.

In this peacefull Prince there was an admird concurrence of many high Platonique vertues, onely he would ſometimes come too neare the fire of paſſion, yet never in any ſerious, but ſudden triviall paſſages.

Munificent hee was beyond the ordinary cuſtome of Kings; moſt confident of the fidelity of his Agents and Inſtruments; For hee was wont to ſay, that when hee employed any ſervant in a ſerious buſineſſe of truſt, he would not imbitter the ſweetneſſe hee conceavd of his fidelitie with any mixture of feare or diffidence. Yet if any miſcarried, the diſtaſte would not dwell long in him, nor I dare ſay did the Sunne ever goe downe upon his anger.

Some there were upon whom the beames of his regall favour reflected more ſtrongly. And why not? have not the wiſeſt of Earthly Monarques had their Favorits? For if every Creature is left free to like where he liſt, it were prepoſterous and injurious to deprive Kings of that liberty which the meaneſt of their Subjects enjoy, they command multitudes of Subjects as they are Kings, but they are ſubjects to their owne paſſions, as they are compoſed of foure Elements.

The *Princely Standell* which had beene a long time *the hopes of Druinas Crowne,* became now *the Crowne of her hopes,* and ſucceeded in the Royall Throne.

——*Tandem fit ſurculus Arbor.*

A Prince endued with ſuch a ſtrength of vertue, that he ſeemes to ſtrike malice dumbe; A Prince of whom it may be ſayd, that he hates the very names of thoſe vices that are incident to Princes, more then other Princes hate the vices themſelves. He was well balancd, and of a growth juſt ripe for this mighty burden, having newly taken the veſt of virility, and being reard up to a comely cleane timbred ſtrong bulke, wonderfull active and patient of toyle; And if forren travell begets wiſedome in regard the eye, which hath a more immediate commerce with the ſoule, and is a faithfuller witneſſe then the eare; Hee is the beſt traveld Prince by the Sea and Land of any, and therein hath the advantage of his neighbours.

Of a ſolid and excelling judgement in the hardeſt and choyceſt things, but ſpecially in the ſervice and deſerts of his Officers and ſervants, who in a Monarchy are accordingly active or careleſſe, as the Prince is capable to diſtinguiſh and judge of their labours; Whereby I hope to ſee Druina vindicated more and more of the aſperſions the world abroad caſts upon her; that ſhe ſlowly ſeekes after well qualified inſtruments, and more ſlowly cheriſheth vertue in her owne plants, but admires any thing in ſtrangers, and is more ready to employ them, though ſhe have of her owne, equally if not better qualified. Moſt ſingularly indulgent

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hee is of his Royall Conſort, which is ſo acceptable to Heaven, that ſhee correſponds with him, in bringing him forth many reall fruits of his love, ſweet Princely Graffes, which I may well avouch, are the beſt for alliance and ſtocke that ever the earth had, being as immediately extracted out of the Oke and the Vine, ſo are they nearely allied to the Cedar, the Olive, the Firre, the anciently deſcended Vine, and all the beſt ſtemmes of the Weſterne world; So that if ever any Plants ſprung de ſemine Divûm, *as ſome Philoſophers affirmd, they may be ſaid to have ſprung ſo. He is inflexibly juſt in the expiation of the crying ſinne of murther, yet moſt tender of the life of the meaneſt ſhrub that groweth under his Princely boughes.*

Moſt tenacious he is, of his purpoſes, when they have beene pondred, and layne long in the ballance of mature deliberation, and winnowed by the debate of his ſages. But above all things elſe (and indeed all things elſe are but bables to this) hee is moſt punctuall in his pietie to heaven; ſo that take all this together, this inference will reſult, that if hee were, but one of the ordinary vulgar plants, they that know aright, would judge him to be one of the compleateſt, and moſt vertuous of all Druina.

But the Crown which deſcended upon him was inlayed with ſo many difficulties, that it might be juſtly calld a Crowne of thornes for many yeares; For after a long calme of peace, hee was left newly engagd in a war againſt one of the greateſt of earthly Monarchs, and (as it was ſaid of one of his progenitors) *with a ruſtie ſword, and empty purſe,* the Crowne being fallen into a bottomleſſe pit or gulph of debt, beſides his own former arreares;

The moving fortreſſe which are the chiefe ſtrength of *Druina* were in ſlender repaire, his magazines of amunition ill ſupplied; The Lady *Carbaſilis* with her numerous iſſue were to bee provided for, and hee was left to ſeeke for a ſpouſe for himſelfe.

But by the ſpeciall favour of heaven, hee hath ſurmounted all theſe difficulties and brought the glory of *Druinas* diademe to caſt a greater ſplendor then ever it did. Touching a royall Conſort, the high hand of providence, reſervd for him ſuch a one, that there *never ſprung up above ground a more beauteous or approaching nearer ſome celeſtiall deity; for through thoſe ſtarry caſements of her ſoule, one may diſcerne in her a kind of divinity tranſcending the race of mortals, ſo that in this Virginian Vine, the ſaying of the wiſeſt of Kings may be verifyed, That a good Wife, is a Tree of life.*

This young royal *Oke* being now ſetled in his throne, he ſends *Villerio* to viſit the diſconſolat *Carbaſilis,* and to confirme a league defenſive and offenſive with the *Willowes his faſt friends.*

He ſuddenly ſends a mighty fleet againſt *Elaiana*, but the Critickes of thoſe times abroad, ſaid, *this fleete ſo* *quickly riggd ſhewd rather the power then providence of Druina*, yet ſhe returnd without any paſſive encounter at all.

He employes two of his *nobleſt Elmes* to treat of an alliance with that peerles peece of natures rarities, the *Lady Aretine,* which great buſineſſe by their wiſe and ſucceſſeful negotiation was concluded in fewer *months,* then *Elaiana* ſpent *yeares* in her treaty; ſo that the *La: Aretine* was entitled by holy rite, QUEENE of *Druina,* which ſhee would not accept of, unleſſe ſhee had the title of *Ampelona's* QUEENE alſo added.

Thus the *youngeſt ſpray* of the great martiall *Vine* came to *Druina,* with a great maſſe of ready treaſure, and a *row* of her owne Country *Graffes* for her firſt *ſett* of ſervants; But they miſdemeaning themſelves by ſome fond fopperies of ſuperſtition in prejudice of the *La: Aretine* her health, and for other morall miſcariages were ſuddenly diſmiſſd and ſent backe to *Ampelona* with bagge and baggage, all their ſalaries being punctually payed them to a penny, and many of them parted with rewards;

Though a very *moderne Chronicler* traduceth *Druina* in this point, to have diſmiſſd them without their wages, *&c.* But as in this, ſo in many other relations hee takes up things upon truſt; and imperfect partiall information;

A groſſe defect in a royall Chronologer, nor indeed can it be judgd whether his faults in this kind, or flatteries throughout the whole body of his ſtory, bee groſſer; And whereas hiſtory ſhould bee the torch of truth, hee makes her in diverſe places a fuliginous linke of lies.

The renvoy of the *Ampelonians* was ill taken by the *Royall Vine*, and the ſuddennes of the action did much aggravate the buſineſſe, with the quality of the perſons, being for the moſt part *younger Graſſes*, having parted with what they had in their owne ſoyle to take *rooting* and grow up in *Druina* about the *Lady Aretine*.

Vpon theſe diſtaſts the voyaging Marchants pillage one another, as they found advantage, yet the two Kings ſtirrd not a good while after; *For it is with Kings ſometimes, as with Porters, whoſe packs may juſtle one againſt the other, yet they remaine good friends ſtill.*

Not long after *DRVINAS* Monarke convokes an univerſall Aſſembly;

To whom, *He declard to have calld them together for the ſafety of Religion, for ſecuring his kingdomes and ſubjects at home, having two ſuch mighty Monarkes his actuall enemies, for the aſſiſting of his Allies and Confederates abroad, ſpecially the Royall Firre, who had lately embarkd himſelfe very far in open war againſt the Cedar principally in behalfe of Prince* Altapinus, *and was reducd to wonderfull ſtreights, being chaſd out of a great part of his dominions, by the* Cedars *Generall.*

For theſe with other important motives hee propounded a ſupply of Treaſure.

Theſe things at firſt overture were well reſented by the lower aſſembly, who with much alacritie agreed to a good round ſupply, and indeed *it was the greateſt gift that ever ſubjects gave* KING, but before it was brought to any ſound perfection, this good worke was unluckily diſturbd by a multitude of queſtions concerning the *priviledge* of the ſubject, and *prerogative* of the Soveraigne; by which delayes the reality and reputation of that great *Donative* was much leſſened, and the forren actions, the *Royall Oke* was engagd in abroad receivd much prejudice. Yet he did formally confirme unto them all their ancient priviledges, and gave two moſt gracious anſwers to their petitions tending to this end: And having complied with them thus to their hearts deſire, as alſo in two former Aſſemblies wherein were delivered them as ſacrifices ſome of the *Crowne Officers*, and done them ſundry other Acts of Princely grace, yet ſome extravagant ſpirits given over to fancy, and faction, diſturbd the calme of theſe proceedings.

They fall like thunder upon *Villerio, alleadging that he was the cauſe of the incongruity in government at home, and of diſaſters abroad; That he was the firſt that deflourd the Virgin honour, making her a kinde of proſtitut, and meere marchandiſe ſalable for white and redde earth, which is too baſe a price for her, that ſhould be the prime guerdon of vertue, through whoſe temple only, there ſhould be a paſſage to hers. They complaine of his exorbitant power, having in his hands the privatſt and moſt repoſefull offices of truſt, by ſea and land, & ſuch as were incompatible and never known in the perſon of one ſubject.*

They cry out that none received advancement but his progeny, which they termd the tribe of fortune, with other high clamours:

Thus hee who in their former meetings was a great ſubject of their commendation, when for diſſolving the two Treaties with *Elaiana* they ſaid he had done ſo well, that *he deſerv'd to have his ſtatue publikely erected in the midſt of Thamiſond*, became now the chiefe ſubject of their complaints and grievances.

But the rayes of Royall Majeſty reverberated ſo ſtrongly upon *Villerio*, that they diſpell'd all thoſe clouds, which did hang over and thus obumbrat him, and the rather becauſe *Evidence, which is the lanterne of of the Law*, was wanting, theſe accuſations having no other proofe but publike fame.

In theſe times a warlike fleet was prepar'd againſt *Ampelona*, in regard the *Vine* had not performd certaine capitulations, that were promiſed the Royall *Oke* in favour of the *Euſebians* there, beſides one moitie of the *Lady Aretines* dower was not ſent according to Article, with other provocations and ſecret motives.

The enterpriſe fayling, though the firſt Invaſion (and would heaven had pleaſd the retreat had beene anſwerable) was made with as brave a reſolution as any martiall attempt could poſſibly be, and in mananaging the Souldier *Villerio*, with the reſt, ſhewed undeniable aſſurances of valour: yet the Royall *Oke* was not a whit daunted hereby, but preſently commanded a greater number of veſſels of warre to bee riggd and made ready in purſute of the ſame deſigne, upon which *Villerio* was to goe *Generaliſſimo* againe; But being upon point of embarking, this great Commander having at his becke ſuch a multitude of martiall ſpirits was ſuddenly cut off, to the conſternation and amazement of all the world, by a fatall ſtroake which was given him with a ſmall contemptible inſtrument, and with ſuch an admirable advantage, that it was impoſſible either by ſlight or art, or ſtrength of engine, to diſpatch one ſooner out of this world ; And which made the act more tragicall, his noble Conſort, then pregnant, beheld him thus felld, and weltring upon the ground preſently after.

Thus fell that procere goodly faire timberd Elme in the fulneſſe of his ſtrength, who had ſo long flouriſh'd under the gracious branches of two Royall Okes, *having led halfe his life in that height of fortune, and affluence of all earthly pleaſure; who being thus fallen, many inferior Trees grew great out of his boughs, In ſo much that the ſaying of the* Philoſopher, *who being askd, what was a doing in heaven, anſwerd,* Magnæ ollæ franguntur, & ex fruſtis earum minores fiunt, *mought have beene not improperly applied to what then paſſd in* Druina. *Out of this ſad Cataſtrophe may bee drawne this leſſon, That great ones may ſecure themſelves from guilt, but not from envie, which like the Sunne-beames beates upon riſing grounds, and towring high Trees, when the ſhrub is ſafe.*

Cernis ut ventis agitatur ingens
Pinus.——

He had a concurrence of all thoſe gracefull parts, that might attract Princely love, and conduce to the accompliſhment of a Courtier, and had hee containd himſelfe ſtill in that con-

dition, hee might happily have laſted untill time had covered him with hoary moſſe.

The Royall Majeſty which firſt tooke him into favour, agenid and traind him up for his own turne by certaine degrees in the moſt pertinent affaires and Myſteries of State, obſerving therein the progreſſe of nature which ſuffereth no motion to paſſe from one extreme to another, but by intermediat ſpaces, as ſhe uſeth to paſſe from Winter to Summer by the interpoſition of the ſpring, and ſo returne to Winter by Autumne: ſo that Platonike Prince ſervd himſelfe of certaine pawſes to advance and employ him; And hee was no improper peece to worke upon, having ſo pliable and gentle a genius, that he grew very pregnant and dextrous in the art of government.

Among other maximes of policy he propoſd to himſelfe in the conduct of his affaires, one was to neglect apologies, whereof he ſaid, he ſaw no other fruit then to multiply diſcourſe, and humour the vulgar, nor did he ever value any paſquils that were dropd up and downe, ſo farre, as to thinke them worthy of his revenge, which queſtionleſſe was a well ſettled Rule, for Libels neglected quickly finde their owne graves; and diſſipat to ayre.

Hee was none of thoſe Idolaters that worſhip the

the beaſt with many heads, that uſe to burne incenſe to the vulgar.

And as herein, ſo in many other things, great abilities appeard in him, for extraordinary muſt be the wiſdome of him who floateth upon the ſtreame of Soveraigne favour, wherein there is ſeldome any ſiſtence, twixt ſinking and ſwimming. A ſure friend he was, and a reſenting foe, a brave Maſter to ſervants, and a remembrer of the leaſt good office; For his ſtocke; he tranſplanted moſt of them to plentifull ſoyles. And doubtleſſe hee had a brave ſoule to actuat that comely compoſure; And an innated valour appeard in him, when hee put himſelfe upon the Souldiers defenſe as he receivd the mortall ſtabbe. I will conclude with part of a Character that a judicious Cavalier *gave lately of him; Hee was a great example of Sobriety and temperance, but not of continency.*

The *Aſſaſin* that feld him found oftentimes ſtrong and ſtrange reluctancies in himſelfe, nor could hee give any other reaſon that puſhd him forward to this black attempt, but *that he was blaſted by the great Aſſembly, and ſo thought it an act agreeable to heaven to take away the partition wall betweene the King and his people, and make him a ſacrifice to the publike, though with an unavoydableneſſe of his owne deſtruction*, confronting thereby death in the face; Whereby was verified that ſaying, that he *who is careleſſe of his owne life, is maſter of another's.* But Heaven forbid that this cuſtome which hath ſuch a vogue in other parts, ſhould take footing in *DRVINA*.

This tragedie being acted, the Royall *Oke* purſueth his deſigne for ſupporting of *Petrina*, with the *Euſebians* in *Ampelona*, but this diſaſter as it bred confuſion for the time, ſo it cauſd a ſtand in the procedure of that great action, which gave the *Vine* reſpit to finiſh thoſe ſtupendous circumvallations and barricadoes hee had reard up by ſea and land to begirt *Petrina*; In ſo much that when another noble *Elme* was ſent with ſtrength ſufficient to have achievd a greater exploit, he found her paſſd cure.

This ſome ſay went to the very heart of *Elaiana*, who in regard of that notable advantage, and addition of united power the *Vine* got hereby, would have found ſome way or other to have relievd *Petrina*, had ſhe thought *Druina* would have miſſd it.

The great Aſſembly aforeſaid rejoynd, and mett againe in one body, and now he that was ſuppoſd to be the cauſe of the tempeſt being throwne overboard, there were great hopes a calme ſhould enſue, but the ſtorme continued as furious as ever, and unlucky paſſions bluſtred as much, if not more, than they had done formerly in *Villerios* time.

They flew a freſh upon other great Officers and queſtiond a duty, that for garding of the ſeas, and common defence of the realme had beene indiſputably granted to ſo many preceding Kings for a *bene eſſe*, which they made difficulty to affoord the Royall *Oke* regnant, unles he would firſt renounce al right to it, and ſo receive it meerely from them. Thus they *choppd logicke* with Soveraigne Majeſty who movd with theſe traverſes, reſolvd though to his unutterable griefe to diſmiſſe this great Counſell, but upon the point when this was to be done in forme, the lower aſſembly in a ſtrange tumultuary manner adjournd themſelves, before

fore they had receivd his royall pleaſure. They *denied him his Officers at armes, violated the prolocutor, being twiſe ſent for, delayed to let in his meſſenger, and diſcontentments* turning thus to a ſtrange kind of *diſobedience,* they broake up in confuſion.

Adde hereunto that notwithſtanding there was another peculiar Aſſembly of *Reverend Yewes* of purpoſe for the regulating and ſweeping cleane of the houſe of the Almighty, yet the *poplars* muſt make it their office to tamper with the conſtitution of holy things; And indeed this is one of the greateſt ſcandals and brands, that not only *Petropolis,* but other Forreners(who have with her forſaken *Petropolis*) caſt upon *Druina. viz.* that her Eccleſiaſticall Ordinances are the commands and injunctions of this ſecular power, and members of this Aſſembly, who not only confirme (which may become them well enough, and is neceſſary for a generall obedience)but take upon them to be *Iudges* herein. So that one being askd what they did in that lower great Aſſembly, hee was anſwerd pleaſantly, *That they were making of a new Creed;* Another was over-heard to ſay, *that hee could not bee quiet in his Conſcience, untill the holy text ſhould be confirmd by an Act of theirs.* Whence may bee inferrd, that ſome of them beleeve, it belongs to them to make *ſanctions,* as well as *ſtatutes.*

This induced the Royall *Oke,* though he be reſponſible to none for an account of his actions but to the high Majeſtie of Heaven, to publiſh an open proteſt unto the world, for the ſatisfaction of his better ſort of ſubjects, of the cauſes of theſe diſorders, declaring *that while* Villerio *liv'd, hee was intitled to all the diſtempers and ill events of former aſſemblies, therefore much endeavour was uſd to* *demoliſh him as the only wall of ſeparation twixt their Soveraigne and them, but he now being cut off, no alteration was found amongſt them at all, or calmeneſſe in their proceedings.*

He was pleaſd to declare further, *that he imputed not theſe commotions to the whole Aſſembly, knowing that there were amongſt them, many religious, grave and well minded Patriotts, but the ſincerer and better part of them being over-borne by the clamours and practiſes of others, who careleſſe of their duties, and taking advantage of the times and his neceſſities, conſtraind him to breake off that meeting, which had it beene anſwerd with like duties on their parts, as love on his, might have prov'd happie to all* Druina.

Theſe fatall diſtempers as they did much hurt to the body politicke at home, *for they were like humours ſtirrd in the naturall body without evacuation,* ſo did they produce diſadvantagious effects abroad, and better had it been that the Rayſers and fomenters of them had never *ſprung* up in *Druina.*

The *Royall Firre* had engagd himſelfe in the quarrell of *Altapinus* againſt the *Cedar*, and he had proceeded ſo far as to the imminent and actuall danger of his owne perſon. And expecting from *Druina* thoſe monthly ſupplies which were promiſed by capitulation, partly for want of them, the one halfe of his territories being already over-runne and plundred, hee was conſtraind to ſhuffle up a peace with the *Cedar* (without *Druinas* privity.)

And it was high time for him, for *whereas the Firre was uſd to bee a dwelling for the ſtork, the Eagle was like to build his neſt there.*

The foreſaid great expedition to relieve *Petrina* did alſo ſuffer hereby, and indeed the whole party of the *Euſebians* every where up and downe the world, who had their eyes fixd upon *Druinas* Monarke *their defendor*. Who ſo much labouring to take the old wonted great *trodden* way, for ſupplies towards the ſupport of ſuch publike deſignes, was conſtraind at laſt to take the *higher roade*, by having recourſe to his Soveraigne prerogative to ballaſt the common purſe of the ſtate;

And a kingdome is like a Shippe at Sea, whoſe ballaſt ſhould be the Princes Coffers; which if they be light and emptie, ſhe will do nought but tumble up and downe, nor can ſhe be made to run a direct and ſteddy Courſe.

About this time fell one of the nobleſt *Elmes* in the whole Forreſt, extracted of the ancient ſtocke of the *Monticolians*, that bore the ſmalleſt, yet chiefeſt *ſtaffe* of office and command in *Druinas* Court; And his fall was the more remarkable, becauſe the night immediately before he was diſcourſing of, and ſlighting the art of thoſe fooliſh Aſtrologers, and *Genethliacall Ephemeriſts*, that uſe to pry into the horoſcope of Nativities, whereof one had much tampred with his, and poſitively affirmd he ſhould not reach 51. yeares, And now ſaid hee, I have liv'd (thankes bee to Heaven) fiftie one yeares and a day compleat, But the next morning hee was taken with an Apoplexie, whereof he preſently died; much lamented hee was, for *his noblenes, and mervailous candor of diſpoſiti-*

on, and other brave endowments, and therefore generally belov'd in Citie, Court, and Country. And being a long time averſe to the match with *Elaiana* *Mordogan* put a ſhrewd pernicious complement upon him; For being at a private audience in diſcourſe with *Druinas* Monarke, hee fell to magnifie the greatneſſe, loyalty, and wealth of his ſubjects; and ſpecially of this noble *Elme*, *who had ſuch rooting in the hearts of the poplars, that upon any faction, or tumult, he* verily thought *he could draw after him all the Trees of the Forreſt.* But this was ſpoken of purpoſe to make ſome impreſſion of jealouſies in the breaſt of Majeſty.

As theſe traverſes happened in *Druina*, behold *Bumelias King the Martiall Aſh, holding himſelfe to bee much affronted by the* Cedar *in that he would vouchſafe no audience to his Ambaſſadors, and that hee encroachd upon the Territories of his ALLIES*; As alſo for ſome preventive reaſons of ſtate; He croſſeth thoſe cold Seas, and ruſheth into *Rhenuſium* like a whirlewind, carrying all before him though with ſmall numbers at firſt, not exceeding 7000. Yet like a ball of ſnow tumbling downe a hill, hee ſtill gatherd ſtrength as he paſſd: and made *Chips* of all the *Trees* he met withall. Hee reſtored *two* of his ſaid *Allies* to their entire poſſeſſions, and proceeding further, and being dared as he was a Cavalier by that great *Veteran Captaine* then the *Cedars* Generall (who the day before had ſhrewdly ſhaken the *plane*) *to meete him in pitchd field*; He anſwerd *that he was ſomething more than a Cavalier, and that he had thouſands under him as good as that*

Generall himſelfe, therefore he would not fayle to finde him out ſpeedily.

The next day he kept his word and gave him battaile, where hee carried away as faire and compleat a victory as poſſibly could be, and thereby he freed the *Planes* Country from the impendent dangers that hung over it.

He marchd ſtill on, making his paſſage by the point of the ſword every where, He croſſeth the great River that denominates *Rhenuſium*, upon whoſe bankes hee kept his feſtivals in an admired triumphant manner in one of the chiefeſt *Archflamins townes*, whither Ambaſſadours reſorted unto him from farre and neare, as if he had beene ſome *Ceſar*. The Royall *Vine* being diſpleaſd that he had croſſd that great *River*, and invaded the Territories of the Church (whereof he had taken the protection) without his privity, ſent to tell him by his Ambaſſador;

That if he did not ſtand to his Articles, he had an Army of 80000. *to enter into* Rhenuſium *when hee pleaſed. The magnanimous Aſh anſwerd, that he had not infringd the leaſt title of what was articled, that they aymd at one marke, and their ends were concentrike, and he knew how to make his way in* Rhenuſium, *better than he could tell him.*

And touching the Archflamin *in whoſe metropolis hee then kept his Court, hee had broke promiſe both with the Royall* Vine *and him, by ceaſing to bee neutrall; As for the menace hee ſent, if* Ampelona *had* 80000. *to ruſh in-*

to Rhenuſium, *he had 20000. and with them he would be ſooner at the walles of Tutelia, then thoſe 80000. could be on the frontiers of* Rhenuſium.

Afterwards he made himſelfe maſter of *Baccharia,* but to re-inveſt *Altapinus* there, hee would have tied him to hard, and indeed to very harſh termes; firſt, *That hee ſhould make no leavie of Military forces, without his conſent. That he ſhould ſupply him with ſo many thouſands upon his owne charge during theſe warres; that hee ſhould ſtill reſerve* two *of the chiefeſt Townes of* Baccharia *in depoſito, where hee might put in garriſon to be maintaind by the contributions of the Countrey; That hee ſhould make no league or confederacy with any other, without his privity and conſent.*

That there ſhould bee free exerciſe of the Bumelian Religion throughout all Baccharia, and an Academy, and Schooles erected to that end. That he ſhould acknowledge, under God, to have receivd his Country from him; with diverſe other ſuch reſtrictions.

But that *noble ſtout Elme* whom the Royall *Oke* employed at that time in *Rhenuſium* in a high quality, of purpoſe to obſerve his motions, would not condeſcend hereunto.

Hence *Bumelias* King breakes his way to the *Elders* Gourt, where he *ſhooke* him ill favouredly for the time, ranging through the very bowels of his Country, and plundring all whereſoever he came, as farre as his very cells and cloſſets.

But as no violent courſe laſteth long, this irreſiſtible torrent of his tropheys was ſtoppd by the dire hand of deſtiny, ſo that in the throng of his owne victorious troupes, this martiall *Aſh* was felld, the *greateſt* of his *enemies* whom hee moſt redoubted for his valour, falling before in his ſight. So that, as in life, ſo at, and after his death he provd a Conqueror, falling upon the *bed of honour and victory both at once, in a party colourd field Gules and Argent, but the creſt Sable, ſo* that it was impoſſible for a Souldier to bid the world farewell, in a braver manner.

His fall for the preſent ſtrucke an earth quake into all minds, nor could the vulgar bee inducd a great while to beleeve that he was feld, thinking him to bee impenetrable, and above the ſtroake of fate.

An Heroicke Prince he was, and in ſuch a height, that it was ſaid the ſoule of Cæſar *had entred into him ; So that ſome thinke he ſprung of the race of that* Tree, *whereof* Achilles *ſpeare, and* Hercules *Club were made, only hee was taxd to bee over-ventrous and headſtrong ; beſides there were ſome, that obſervd him, to bee ſomewhat elated by that monſtrous courſe of conquering, but as* Adrianas *Ambaſſadour apologizd for him, He had been more than a mortall wight, if he had not been ſomewhat altered at the ſucceſſe of ſuch high feates, which were ſuch, that conſidering the quality of the Country, Townes, and enemies, none of* *the twelve* Cæſar *acts, paralleld his in ſo ſhort a time.*

But I will relate a thing worthy of wonder; amongſt others who receivd contentment at the proceedings of the *Warlike Aſh*, *Meliſſanus* the great *Archflamin* would be often inquiſitive, and well pleaſd to heare of any ſucceſſefull encounter of his againſt the *Cedar*.

Some thinke the reaſon was,in regard the *Cedar* had a little before diſturbd the peace of *Bombicina*, and joynd with *Elaiana* to kindle a new fire in her, therefore hee was well contented to ſee him a little ſhaken. Others ſay, there was ſome ſecret tye, that if the *Aſh* ſhould compaſſe his deſignes in *Rhenuſium*, he ſhould aſſiſt *Meliſſanus* to recover *Hipparcha*, (which the *Olive* hath ſo long detaind from *Petropolis*) as a reward for his neutralitie: Hereupon when there was a great Contracto in the holy Senat, at the time when the *Cedars* and *Olives* Embaſſadors demanded pecuniary ſupplies out of the holy treaſure for the ſupport of Religion in *RHENVSIVM* and preventing the further *ſpreading of the ASH*, the *IVIE* himſelfe anſwered, *That he was ſatisfied Religion was neither the ſubject nor ſcope of thoſe Warres; And that the holy treaſure, was to bee reſervd, and iſſued for holy uſes, and not miſapplied to any other ends.*

Whereunto one of the prime members of that high Senat, replying, *That the Ivie for his coldneſſe in the Cedars quarrell was traduced abroad for halfe an Hereticke*, he was taken up very ſhort, and adjudgd corrigible for ſuch preſumptuous language.

Amongſt many others, which had obligations to the martiall *Aſh*, the *Plane* receivd no ſmall benefit by him; for hee preſervd his Country three ſeverall times from impendent and actuall danger; but it ſeemes he quickly forgot him, for after his fall hee ſhuffled up a peace with the *Cedar* in which the *Bumelians* were quite excluded: And it had beene wiſhd, that the princely *plane*, (though allowed his ſprincklings of wine, becauſe as the *Arboliſts* obſerve *it is more naturall to him, and makes him thrive better than any other Tree)* had in theſe traverſes beene leſſe wavering, and not ſuffered himſelfe to be *ſhaken with ſuch incertaine blaſts: for I cannot tell how often he put in, and pulld out his pin from the ſtake.*

Had the adventrous *Aſh* ſurvivd that fatall, yet victorious, day he fell on, many think the *Cedar* was ſo far *ſhrunk* that he had beene put to very hard ſhifts to have made head againſt him to any purpoſe againe. For indeed his progreſſe was ſuch, that both ſides ſtood at a ſtand, gazing and doubting where his conqueſt would terminat. And had he brought his intents home to his ayme, he would have caſt the policy of the lower world into a new mould, and happily have put his own confederates to ſtand upon their gard; And as for many others, ſo had it not been wholeſome for *Druina*, that his acqueſts had extended further, which makes mee, that I cannot wonder enough at the ſhallowneſſe and impertinent zeale of the vulgar ſort in *Druina*, who were ſtill ſo eager, and joyfull to heare him ſtill goe on, and carried away with ſuch an ignorant devotion for his ſucceſſes, when it little concernd their religion or ſecurity. Amongſt divers others who rejoyced and triumphd at the *fall* of the *war-like Aſh*, the *Elder* lifted up his hollow *boughs*, ſo high, that a little after he took heart of grace to court one of the *youngeſt* ſprayes of the Imperiall *Cedar* for his Conſort, though in point of age he quadrupply exceeded her, being cauterizd in foure ſeverall places about his body to have vent for his malignant humors, wherewith it ſeemes he much abounded, ſpecially towards Prince *Altapinus*, who was one of the neareſt to him in *ſtocke*; Beſides his young Conſort was *ſprung* as cloſe to him, and as neare as could be out of his own *ſtemme*. Yet neither diſparity of yeares, nor propinquity of ſtocke, could hinder the deſigne policy had herein, but he carried her cleare away;

And what fruit can be expected of this *inoculation*, *but blacke unſavourie berries*, and *Flowers* onely to make the tarteſt *Viniger*, ſuch as the *ELDER* naturally beares.

And what fruit alſo the *beech* will produce by his late *ingrafting* upon the other *ſpray*, though in a farre ignobler way, (having by letters and inſtruments) attempted a *Princely Graffe*, which as farre precels her, which hee hath lighted upon, as a *Damaske Roſe doth the Couſlip* in natures workemanſhip, *quantum lenta ſolent inter viburna cupreſſi*,) I had rather expect then determine.

But theſe kinde of *infolliations* wreſting ſo farre the lawes of nature, have ſeldome prov'd proſperous; I know not what they may doe upon this moderne politicke race, which as ſhe pretends to have mounted to this might and largeneſſe by theſe meanes, ſo ſhee goeth on, to ciment her deſignes, and fortifie her ſelfe ſtill by this courſe; But ſome of the beſt *genethliacall Arboliſts* obſerve, that though theſe unequall *inbuddings* may flouriſh for a time, they will *fade* away at laſt by a fate, that unavoydably uſeth to attend them.

Before the loweſt of the celeſtiall bodies had finiſhd her monthly courſe, *ALTAPINUS* alſo fell, who had beene a companion to the warlike *Aſh* in many of his exploits through *Rhenuſium*;

A Prince who by a hard deſtiny, became a tennis-ball a long while to the blind Goddeſſe; A Prince in whom many vertues did co-habit. He was free from that vice Rhenuſium *is ſo naturally addicted unto, where the cuſtome is ſo generall that it takes away the conſcience to be peccant therein.*

Very ſedulous hee was in the purſute of his affaires, parſimonious and wonderfully indulgent of his young Cions, and the glory of her ſexe Carbaſilis, who though Homebias *Crowne was loſt, yet by her Princely comportment, ſhee got then another kingdome which ſhee retaines ever ſince, as may bee inferrd out of her name;*

For at the beginning of theſe unlucky traverſes, ſhee wiſely turnd her ſelfe (though *ſprouted* naturally of the *Oke*) into a *palme*, and with a more than feminine courage tooke for her motto ever ſince,

——*Sub mole reſurgo.*

For it can hardly bee judgd, whether her various ſorts of preſſures, or patience were greater.

Many brave adventrous ſpirits fell for love of her; amongſt others I cannot forget, the high-hearted martialiſt *Brunonio, who firſt loſt his lands, then one of his chiefeſt limbes, and laſtly his life in her quarrell.*

Nor can I omit here a *Noble Elme* ſprung up in the ſtreets of *Tamiſond*, who hath beene a moſt conſtant and reſolute Adventurer, and converſd with danger a great while for her, though with extraordinary expence, the late loſſe of his libertie, and many traverſes of apparant hazard, even to the admiration of the *Aſh* himſelfe, and envie of others.

Not long before theſe times, there being interchangeable overtures made on all ſides; The *Royall Oke* renewed a peace both with the *Vine* and the *Olive*, twixt whom there paſſd many ſhockes; for the *Olive*, the worſt that *Druina* ſuffered was, that ſhe exchang'd *Coales for Sugar*.

And now behold a glorious ſerenity of peace againe in *Druina*, having had two of her potentſt neighbours upon her backe at once.

It hath beene a maxime often verified in policy; *That Kings may marry, but not their Crownes*, and never was this more exemplified, then by the alliance of thoſe Princely *ſprayes* that *ſprung* of the laſt great Martiall *Vine*, who notwithſtanding that of themſelves there were never any in whom ſweetneſſe of diſpoſition, and vertue her ſelfe was more reſplendent in ſuch a degree, as if the three graces had contributed their utmoſt power to make them good; yet I know not by what fate or fortune t'is come to paſſe, there have fallen out diverſe traverſes of Warre, ſince the *inarching* of thoſe *graffes*, upon the *Olive, the Pine, and the Oke*; Which yet continueth, and is daily exaſperated twixt the *Olive* and the *Vine*, who though at firſt, they croſſd one anothers deſignes by ſending auxiliary forces in collaterall wayes, they doe now directly and in good earneſt, *claſh their branches one againſt the other*.

For the juſtneſſe of their quarrell, I will not undertake here to debate it; nor determine whether a juſt feare without any active invaſion or offence bee ſufficient grounds to *Ampelona* for a warre, and whether it may deſerve the name of a defenſive. I have reade that the true cauſe of the *Peloponneſian* Warre (though they were blanchd with other ſpecious colours) was the over-growing greatneſſe of *Athens*, which did as it were impoſe upon the *Lacedæmonians* a neceſſity of armes; Preventive Warres have beene practiſed by the beſt policied ſtates, they *rid the Forreſt* oftentimes of *ſuperfluous plants*; and are as a purge for the body politicke: And in all ages it hath beene held a maine part of providence, to have an eye,

That their confining neighbours, ſhould neither by too neare an approach, or encreaſe of territory, or enfeebling of confederates, nor by ingroſsing of trade, or ſtopping of paſſage, receive any addition of ſtrength, And in point of wealth to beare up ſtill in equall proportion, upon the enhancement of the rates of coyne, excreſcence of demeanes, or impoſition of tolls; This makes the *Vine* ſo *Salt* his ſubject, and the *Olive pepper* his ſo much.

The lawfulneſſe of warre in the generall was never queſtiond, ſo it have a Soveraigne head, *not otherwiſe. For the Almighty is the God of Hoſts and armes, as well as of peace; And warres well grounded are nought elſe but ſutes of appeale to the conſiſtory of heaven, when there is no ſuperior on earth to determine the cauſe:* And beſides the lawfulneſſe hereof, there ſeemes to bee a kinde of inevitableneſſe and neceſsitie in it; *Some Philoſophers were of opinion, that the world doth ſubſiſt by a* *perpetuall ſtrife in ſome part or other, I goe not above the concave of the Moone, where the celeſtiall bodies, though in relation to us (poore mortals) they ſeeme to ſtrange, and have their contrary motions, eclipſes and oppoſitions, yet amongſt themſelves they are in a moſt regular, and conſtant ſweet courſe of concord; But for the elementary world, all things are in a kind of reſtleſſe conflict; The Elements themſelves, which are the primitive ingredients of all bodies, are in perpetuall combat, they ſtill encroach one upon another, and labour to repell each other, but amongſt the reſt the fire is moſt vigorous and ravenous, the earth hath frequent fits of the Palſie, the Sea is never ſtill, the aire is agitated with winds, and new monſters and meteorologicall impreſſions are hourely engendred; ſo in humane bodies compoſd of this ſtuffe, there is an inceſſant warfare amongſt the humours for predominancy, and while this naturall war laſteth, the earth cannot be without civill and politicall preliations, the mind following moſt commonly the temper of the body.*

But a madde tenet it was of the *Candian* (in that divine and high ſoaring Philoſopher) *that peace is but a naked and empty name, a kinde of* Chymera, *and that every ſtate*

ſtate expects but its advantage to ſet upon the skirts of the other, whence hee concludes, that there is alwayes a kinde of fermentation of warre, and no kinde of reall love and league betweene Princes, but only an impuiſſance or inconveniencie to doe hurt.

An age there was, and t'was the laſt, when *Druina, Ampelona, and Elaiana* were ſo circumſpect, and Eagle eyed, that ſcarce an acre of ground, could bee gotten by either of the three, but the other two would bee ſure to doe their beſt, to ſet the ſcales even again. And the like diligence hath beene practiſed in diverſe other Regions, and it ſeemes is now by *Ampelona*, by reaſon of the late new acqueſts the *Olive*, and his race in *Rhenuſium* have made; which induceth her to ſticke more cloſe then ever to *Itelia*, as alſo to the *Bumelians*, who elſe I beleeve had gone neere to have quite diſbanded long before now.

The Princely *Sycomore* which ſtood as a *ſcreene* twixt *Ampelona and Rhenuſium* hath ſmarted for this, being fallen juſt under the ſame fatall predicament, as *Altapinus*; both exulating from their owne patrimoniall Territories.

But a hard caſe it ſeemes to bee, that the Princely *ſpray* which was of the ſelfe ſame *ancient ſtocke* with the *Sycomore*, being *branches* of the ſame *Tree*, ſhould in the *verdantſt* ſeaſon of her virginity, bee coupled according to the true rites of ſacred law, with *Ampelonas* apparant heire; and then, poore Lady, to bee abandoned without the leaſt imaginary fault of hers;

And more ſtrange it ſeemes to the world, that *Ampelona*, ſpecially that now her prime Miniſter of ſtate is of a holy function, ſhould goe about to preferre a particular temporary cuſtome of hers, *viz.* that her

Heire apparent ſhould not any wayes diſpoſe of himſelfe to marriage, without the privity and conſent of the State, to the prejudice and flat breach of the eternall law of the Almighty: And ſo to attempt the nullifying of that act, and looſning of that knot which by divine Ordinance ſhould bee indiſſoluble; And ſo make a kinde of *medlar* of that Princely *Sycomore*, ſhee being every way ſuperior to his firſt Conſort.

It is true, policy is warrantable, yet but as a hand-maid to divinity, and abſurd it is to make the Miſtreſſe ſtoope and give place to the ſervant; Policy is like the Apocrypha, which is allowed to be digeſted into one volume, and read with the ſacred Text, but when it thwarts any thing that is Canonicall, away with it.

The raviſhing of the *Sycomore's* Country, hapned in an unlucky time for young *Altapinus*, for, I beleeve, it rendred the Treaty for a reſtitution of *Baccharia* more knotty and difficult; In ſo much that ſome think they muſt be put in Counter-ſcales hereafter, *and move both upon one hinge.*

A much famed ſtatiſt Elaiana had halfe an age ſince, was uſd to ſay, that if *Ampelona* had three things favourable, ſhe were eternall, viz. *Petropolis, the Sea, and Counſell.*

Touching the firſt, *Meliſſanus* who now ſwayes the great *Archflaminſhip*, is mightily devoted to her, having beene ſo long rooted in her, that it ſeemes he naturally affects her ſoyle and plants.

And oftentimes we finde that nature her ſelfe yeelds to cuſtome, that great Giant, who is ſo prevalent, that oftentimes, wee ſhape the *diſcourſe of reaſon, and courſe of nature to the inbred notions and preconceptions it hath imprinted in our minds, beſides, habituall frequency of converſation is one of the greateſt loadſtones of love.*

For the *Sea, Itelia* ſerves her for her docke and Arſenall, nor was ſhee ever ſo improv'd and potent that way; And I wiſh *Itelia* may never have cauſe to rue the time ſhe did it.

For *Counſell,* ſhe hath lighted upon an *Inſtrument of a mervailous contriving and ſedulous ſpirit, as ſolid as hee is ſubtile, which is rare under that Clime, In ſo much that ſome have termd him the prodigie of prudence, others have ſoard higher, and calld him the grand Genius, and tutelar Angell of* Ampelona, *others flie yet higher, and call him the ſupreme Intelligence, the ſpirit that moves the heavens and the ſtarres, the Phænix of the earth, and ſuch like ſuperlatives, and Hyperbole's.*

He is ſo ſtrongly *rooted* in the opinion of the Royall *Vine,* that hee poſt-poſeth *filiall,* and *fraternall love,* to his favour towards him.

Some give other Characters of him, and call him the *Incendiary of Ampelona, that his mind is of the colour of his habit, ſanguine;* That he is indued with the ſame ſpirit, that ſometimes a famous *Archflamin* in Elaiana was, who ſaid *that Gunpowder in the field gave as ſweet a perfume, as Incenſe at the Altar;*

This makes him keepe ſuch a ſtirre with Drum and trumpet up and downe in many places; yet though that humour ſutes with the colour of his *Coat*, it doth not I am ſure with his calling. Nor becauſe hee hath got a *peculiar title* to diſtinguiſh him from others, ſhould hee be ſo farre elated with that *Eminency* as to expect priority of place of ſuch high Miniſters, who immediately repreſent Soveraigne and independent Majeſty, and if hee be *ſtout* in this point, he muſt give them leave to be *ſtately*.

But for his intermedling with armes, hee is the more excuſable, becauſe many others of his Coat in theſe times are not only martiall directors, but Commanders and Actors in open field, making *Tents* their *Temples*, and ſinging *Te Deum* with the noiſe of the Canon, ſo that thoſe Warres which are now in motion, may be calld *The holy Warres*, being directed and managed moſt, by ſuch Miniſters.

And here I will inſert a late paſſage of a great *provinciall Governor, and the oldeſt Martialiſt of Ampelona*, who comming to viſit a great *Archflamin*, that is now a Navall Generall, *Hee ſent to deſire him to have a little patience, for hee was diſpatching ſome Captaines and other Officers, who were to goe preſently to Sea upon a deſigne of conſequence*. The provinciall Governour ſtaying not, the *Archflamin* went the next day to excuſe himſelſe to him. The *Veteran* Governour hearing hee was there, ſent *to deſire him to ſtay a little, for he was newly entred into a peece of* Saint *Auſtin*, de Civitate Dei, *and as ſoone as he had read it over, he would attend his Reverence*.

But to give *Ramundas* this prime Miniſter of ſtate in *Ampelona* (for that's his title) his due, (and I honour him the more, becauſe the firſt great act hee did when hee came to the helme was the alliance with *Druina*) The Royall *Vine* hath done notable feates by the ſtrength of his Counſell.

He hath debelld the *Euſebians* who formerly ſtood upon the ſtrength of their own gard, having ſundry maritime and inland Forts, and places of faſtneſſe for their ſecurity, but they are brought to ſubſiſt now meerely by his mercy, having no other aſſurance for their ſafety, but his pleaſure.

And it ſeemes hee eaſily diſpenſeth with himſelfe to performe, what his two immediate predeceſſors were bound by ſacred tie, and Article to obſerve. For hee hath declard long ſince,

That what the one did, hee did it out of feare; what the other, his great ſire, did, he did it out of love (though he had his eares often ſtoppd with Cotton at their petitions) but for his part, hee neither lov'd them, nor feard them.

And it muſt bee granted, this was one of the greateſt weakeneſſes *Ampelona* had, for foren Princes and ſome of her owne Grandees, ſervd themſelves of the *Euſebians*, as of *matches* to ſet her on fire within dores at pleaſure.

The ancient *Elmes* that lifted up their heads ſo high in their governments, wch ſome held as confidently as if it had bin their inheritance, and ſo leſſened the opinion of the vaſſall to the Soveraigne, he hath remov'd, and placd therein *inferiour Trees*, not of ſo ancient *a ſtocke*, whereof ſome are trienniall, others during pleaſure.

Hee hath mervailouſly enhanc'd the revenues, and perquiſits of the Crowne, to many millions more than it was, though with a pitifull excoriation of the poorer ſort, ſo that from 14. they are mounted to 20. millions in the laſt eſtimat that was made.

He hath clammerd over the huge neighbouring hils, making his way by the ſwords point, and ſetled one of his owne vaſſals, though oppoſd by the *Cedar* and

Olive to be one of the Soveraigne Princes of *Bombycina,* and in the paſſage ſeiz'd upon the territories of the Princely *Pine* who made halfe reſiſtance, but having effected his purpoſe, he freely ſurrendred it, yet reſerving ſtill to himſelfe a *key to enter Bombycina* at pleaſure.

Hee hath diſturbed the paſſage *Elaiana* had got through the *vale*, from *Bombycina* to *Rhenuſium.*

He hath ſo ſcourgd the *Sycomore*, who had offended him, that hee hath ſent him to wander up and downe for another ſoyle to *plant* himſelfe in.

Hee hath regaind, though with infinite toyle and treaſure thoſe *Iſlands Elaiana* had a while *rooted* her ſelfe in neere *Bombycina.*

And laſtly, to bring you nearer home, he gave the *Olive* many ſmart *knockes* when hee thought to have *planted* himſelfe in the *confines* of his Country, which provd too hot a ſoyle for the *Elaianians*, which made one of them to leave *behind* this motto upon the walls of a forſaken Fort.

O Ampelonians, if we had been ſuch as the world takes us to be, and you ſuch as you have beene wont to; be our deeds had beene yours, and yours ours.

Theſe high feates the *Vine* hath done ſince he was *proppd* by this *Genius*; And behold lately a mighty bleſſing droppd downe from heaven upon him, and all *Ampelona, viz.* a rare maſculine *branch* ſprung out of him, and the lovely *Olive*, his Royall mate, after twenty three yeares *inoculation*, which hath transformd all the world to wonder. So that *Ampelonas* great Queene may anſwer her teeming neighbours as the Lioneſſe did the Fox, who reproaching her of ſterility and ſuch ſlowneſſe in breeding ſaid, t'is true, I breed ſlowly,but what I bring forth is a Lion;the application is obvious; And I hope the Lion of the Tribe of *Judah* will be graciouſly pleaſd to make this inexpected regall late offſpring a *Prince* of peace,that his birth may quaſh all farre fetchd reaches of ambitious policy, and put Chriſtendome in a new mould of peace, leaſt, beſides thoſe parts wherein ſhe is already ſtucke, ſhee feele in other of her members, the *prickles* of that huge *Bramble*, who hath it for the prime part of his Letany, *That inteſtine warres bee ſtill fomented twixt Chriſtian Princes*; And good reaſon hee hath to pray ſo, *for the greateſt armes hee ever uſd againſt them were their owne diviſions.*

Nor is *Druinas* Monarch deſtitute of prudent and ſtrenuous Counſell, though he need it not ſo much, for he can ſee better without ſpectacles; Nor is his favour like that of the *Vine*, and *Olive's* ingroſſd all by one, but every one of his prime independent Miniſters is his Favourite within the bounds of his own Office; He hath an Intelligence to every ſpheare, amongſt whom he diffuſeth his beames, according as they ſhall move in a regular motion every one in his owne Orbe, and ſtand ſubordinate to him their *primus Motor*; *And indeed, as the ſyſteme and ſymphony of muſicke is not made by one or two, but diverſity of ſtrings and notes, ſo politicall harmony conſiſts in the correſpondence of the greateſt Miniſters, and their unanimous reſolution after ſome conflict of opinions, for as fire breaks out of flint by concuſſion, ſo wiſdome and truth iſſueth out of the agitation of argument.*

Tamiſond never flouriſhed more with *building* and *bullion*, and bravery of all things. Her great Sanctuary, the greateſt take all dimenſions together, of any in the *Europæan* world, which by the iron teeth of time and injury of the meteors had ſo mouldred away, that ſhe was upon point of being reducd to her firſt principles, a confuſd *Chaos* of ſtone and rubbiſh, is like to looke as youthfull as ever ſhe did;

When the Eagle built his neſt, every bird brought in a feather; And certainely a good ſpirit cannot dwell in him, who grumbles to ſend a ſtone towards the bearing up of the Houſe of the Almighty.

Nor doth *Tamiſond* encreaſe this way by houſes, Palaces or ſtreets onely, but ſhe hath a whole *new Towne* reard up lately to enlarge her skirts; And whereas before, her walls were of light combuſtible matter, they are now of a new ſolid ſtructure and ſtuffe.

Though ſome would thinke, *that in regard ſhe drawes on in this kind ſo much to the Weſt, ſhe is towards her declining times; and they* ground this augury upon the height of bravery and profuſeneſſe ſhee is come to, which commonly bring with them, luxury and ſoftneſſe, and *they have beene alwaies obſerved to be ſymptomes of a waining ſtate.*

For navall ſtrength, ſince *Druina* ſate in *Thetis* lap, and had her white cliffs waſhd with her waves, ſhe was never ſo well appointed; Not long ſince, the world thought ſhee had beene fallen to ſo low an ebbe, that ſhe was not able to ſet out a fleet Royall to Sea, which made ſome ſo inſult over her, that they queſtiond her Soveraignty, yea in her owne waves; But lately ſhee hath appeard like her ſelfe, and put them all to ſilence, unbeguiling the world of this erroneous opinion.

The late *moving Caſtle* ſhe hath built, hath already purchaſd ſuch renowne; that it is confeſſd by all her neighbours, there never floated the like upon ſalt waters.

She hath reſtord a *Forren Emperour* to his right; *And it is the duty of Soveraigne Princes, to ſee wrong vindicated, and right take place though amongſt Barbarians being ſought unto:* And beſides the glory of that action, there is a ſpeciall benefit accrues thereby to *Druina*, for that neſt of baſe ravenous birds which ſo much impeachd her commerce is pulld down, and many of her own *plants*, who languiſhed in that hot ſcorching ſoyle in moſt miſerable ſlavery, brought home.

They cannot therefore have their hearts well planted in them, who repine at ſuch contributions which the ſages of the law have once avouched legall, ſince they daylie ſee ſuch neceſſary and glorious effects thereof;

And the (legall) leavies the Soveraigne rayſers of the ſubject, are as vapours which the ſunne exhales up into the middle Region (the wombe of the Meteors) which fall downe afterwards in ſweet ſilver ſhowres to fructifie the earth.

The golden chaine of policy hath beene alwayes held to be, That the defenſe of a kingdome is the *office of the Prince, the honour of the Peeres, the ſervice of the Souldier, and the charge of the ſubject*, *for* Qui ſentit commodum, ſentire debet & onus.

Adde hereunto, that *alleageance is an act of reciprocation; as it bindes the King to protect,* *ſo it ties the ſubject to contribute, and by this correſpondence there is a* quid pro quo.

But as in Druina, *ſo in all other Forreſts, it is uſuall for the Poplars to claſh their branches, and ſtill make a noiſe at the preſent times and ſolœciſmes, in government, though they know neither the diſeaſe, nor the remedy. They think to diſcerne the leaſt moat in the body politicke, building certaine fantaſticke formes of ruling, and ſoothing their ſhallow imaginations, that they could ſet the ſtate in ſuch frames, the particular application whereof would prove abſurd and groſſe impertinencies.*

Touching *eminent* or *imminent* danger, though there be ſome *Arcana Imperii* in every ſtate, which the Soveraigne and his ſages ſhould onely know and not diſperſe amongſt the vulgar, It was apparently viſible, how the faireſt *flower* of *Druinas* diademe, the dominion of the Seas was aymd at, and like to be pluckd off, was it not high time then for her to rigge her veſſels, and put her ſelfe upon an extraordinary gard?

Moreover they are far wide who think *Druina* can joyne ſecurity and peace together, as long as the *Olive* with the *Cedar* and the *Vine* are up in actuall armes by Sea and Land hard before her, for a peace may bee clapd up betweene them with that ſuddenneſſe, that ſome of thoſe forces which are now in motion may inexpectedly fall upon her skirts. Touching *Ampelona* ſome have beene over-heard to ſay that the late invaſion upon her Iſlands for reliefe of *Petrina* ſtickes ſtill in her ſtomacke but halfe diſgeſted, thinking ſhe hath not repaird her honour to the height, nor taken equall revenge according to the rules of retaliation, by that ſucceſſefull repulſe only.

And for *Elaiana* ſome hold (though I do not) never yet made hearty peace with any *Euſebian* Prince, and the peace ſhe makes proceeds either from *diſability* or *unſeaſonablenès* to hurt. And ſince ſhe holds the *Canons* of the laſt great *Counſell* (whither t'was ſaid *the holy Ghoſt was uſ'd to be ſent in cloake-bagges from Petropolis*) in ſo much reverence and authority as the ſacred Oracles themſelves which were immediately inſpird from heaven, of which Canons one was, that *Hæreticis* (*meaning the Euſebians*) *non eſt tenenda fides*; ſince I ſay that *Elaiana* ſtands ſo readily appointed and ſo neare, it would very ill become the policy of *Druina*, to let her veſſels lye rotting upon the Carine, and not to be ready upon a preventive gard, leaſt ſhe re-incurre that aſperſion which in former ages ſtuck fowlly to her, *which was to be wiſe, a poſteriori, after the blow was given, when Hannibal is* Ante Portas.

And now that all the neighbouring Forreſts, which had been formerly *ſhaken*, and *riven* with the thunderbolts of war, did admire and envie the ſweete peace and ſerenity of *Druina*, her Royall *Oke* being onely

——*Medijs tranquillus in undis*;

Behold an unhappy *miſt* did riſe in the North in *Cardenia*, (and *Cardenia is knowne to bee much ſubject to miſts*.) Some ſay *Cardenia* hath the ſame quarrell to her *Soveraigne*, that ſhe hath to the *Sun* for dwelling too far diſtant from them: but it was diſcovered that this cloud was engendred of the exhalations of divers diſcontented ſpirits, ſpecially ſome of the great ones, who did ſuſcitat the inferior ſort of *Flamins*, that depended upon them for their ſubſiſtence to vent ſeditious doctrine againſt the *Hierarchy*, and chiefeſt governours in holy things, fearing that by a poſt-liminous way ſomething

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ſhould bee re-annexd both to Church and Crowne, which had alwayes beene poſſeſſd by them time out of mind.

Theſe obſtreperous Sermocinators (who in *Cardenia* ſway as much, if not more, upon the conſcience then the *Loyaliſts* elſe where doe) make eaſie impreſſions upon the minds of the vulgar, ſpecially the femalls who firſt broak out into acts of violence, *ſo that it may be ſaid this ſedition came in, as ſin did firſt into the world, by the female ſexe,* who relying upon the immunity of their kinde, did many unbefitting and ſtrange barbariſms, little tending to the honour of *Cardenia,* And with theſe the meaner ſort of mechanikes concurd, and at laſt the *talleſt Elmes* appeard, ſo that the whole *Forreſt* was in a fearefull combuſtion, and the Bels every where rung backward, the *Regalia* ſeizd upon, and government thruſt quite of the *hinges.*

A ſtrange *league* is made without conſent of royall Majeſty, point blank againſt the lawes of *Cardenia*, and nothing will ſerve their turne but the utter extinguiſhing of the greateſt Luminaries of the Church, and the abjuration of whatſoever the late royall *Oke* (who they glory to have bin the moſt *religious* and *learnedſt* Prince that ever wore Diademe) had done in point of eccleſiaſticall government. The meaner ſort of the diſpenſers of ſacred Oracles (who of all other, were the greateſt monſters of ingratitude to their Soveraigne (who had found out a way not long before to augment and aſcertaine their ſtipends, and free them from that ſervile kinde of clientele they ſtood in to the ſeculars) in lieu of pious documents and wholeſome doctrines tamper chiefly with matters of ſtate, and out of a fanatique zeale miniſter more fuell to encreaſe the flames; *they cryed out that the ready way to return to* Petropolis, *was, to paſſe by* Druina; *that her forme of publike prayer (though they acknowledge the firſt Compilers thereof to bee glorious Martyrs) was meere Idolatry.*

This little tended to the honour of *Cardenia*, for all her neighbours cryed out againſt her, that ſhee ſhould caſt ſuch a brand upon the *Euſebian Religion*, as to looſe all reſpects of *paſſive obedience*, if need had bin, (*for ſubjects ſhould be willowes, and not Okes*) and to ſtand in open defiance and armes againſt their naturall liege Lord; And where people runne together and joyne in armes (bee it for defence or offence) without a Soveraigne head, I know what *terme* it deſerves, all the world over. The ſages of *Druina* conſult how to quench theſe flams. Some were of opinion, that, all the while they broak not out into incurſions by land, or depredations at Sea, nor tooke in forren force, nor did any externe act of violence; it was not diſhonourable for *Druina*, to look on a while, yet pinch them in commerce every way, and to be ſure to keep them at the ſtaves end. *Bombycina* hath a ſaying, That *the Prince, who upon every commotion of the ſubject, ruſheth preſently into open war, is like him who ſets his owne houſe a fire to roaſt his egges.* Kings have many wayes to meet with their people, beſides *effuſion* of bloud, and *profuſion* of treaſure, they have long reaches.

Non nôſt longas Regibus eſſe manus?

Nor is Phlebotomy, in the body politicke, as well as the naturall, preſcrib'd for all diſeaſes Some of the wiſeſt Emperours have gone to worke with mutinous ſubjects by *cunctation, as the Sun did to take away the paſſengers cloake, not as the ruffling wind; for Royall Maieſty like the Sun hath her rayes alſo, which dazzleth the eyes of diſloyalty, and glancing upon rebellion, makes it melt to nothing, like a* Gorgons *head, or a Beare reard up of ſnow.* But it hath beene the fate of the beſt and potentſt Monarches to have water throwne ſometimes into their Wine by tumultuous ſubjects, witneſſe the *Vine*, and the *OLIVE* hard by.

But I truſt *Cardenia* will not be ſo ingratefull to *Druina*, as to receive *Plummes* from her ſo many yeares, and now to throw the *ſtones* at her.

The *Thiſtle* I hope will not offer to claſh againſt the Soveraigne *Roſe*, conſidering the multiplicity of advantages ſhe hath by her.

And the *ſingle Lion* (though rampant) will be better adviſd then ſet himſelfe againſt *three*, conſidering how often he hath felt their *pawes*: *A good inſtrument may (by ſome ill favourd accident) bee out of tune, but being put in againe, the muſicke will be as good as ever, I hope* Cardenia *will prove ſo.*

And now will I put a period to this parley, this largon of *Trees*, for I can find them no further matter of diſcourſe, unleſſe I ſhould make them to prophecy, and ſo out-runne their *Epoch*. Many more things could have beene couchd here (as a diſcerning Reader may well perceive) which I leave to future ages, and tranſmit to the poſt-Nati, *when the times ſhall be enfranchizd, and poſterity manumitted: For there be ſome Hiſtoricall truths, which are like the Medlar not ripe enough (to be written) till they be rotten*: Nor was this ſhadow of *Trees* darke enough for them, it being my intention at firſt not to purſue or preſſe this *allegory* ſo farre as to inſlave my matter unto it, and ſo put it in a kinde of *ſtockes*, but that I did obtaine leave of my ſelfe ſometimes by obvious and eaſie expreſſions to comply with the Readers capacity; Otherwiſe hee might have thought it to have beene ſome ſenſeleſſe phantaſticke Romance, which might have brought him to that paſſe, that he could not have beene able as hee went along to have ſeene the *Wood* for *Trees*; No, it will appeare that I labour to bring him often into the *Plaines*, and that I was very carefull to ſhunne the *bogs*, for they are dangerous, and *there is no ſtate without them.*

Wherefore I hope this *knotty ill twiſted* peece, will paſſe current without *exception*, *offence* or *calumny*; and that my impartiall dealing will ſerve for a *Pale* to *fence* out the Goats from my *Forreſt*, though I muſt confeſſe there may ſome few criticiſmes or graines of browne ſalt, and ſmall daſhes of vineger be found here and there, to make the diſcourſe more ſapid, but this tartneſſe is farre from any *gall* or *venome*, wherewith the pages of ſome *Moderne Authors* of our next tranſmarin *neighbours* do uſually ſwell, and are yet expoſd to vent by publicke authority though they writ flat and plaine without any diſguiſe at all; I preſume you have taſted no ſuch bitterneſſe here, albeit I might have done it with more priviledge and good manners, writing under *types*. No; you ſhall find no *blacke* ſatyres range in my woods; if there bee any, they are *white* harmeleſſe ones, and drawing neere to the nature of Fayries.

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A VOTE.

FOR Concluſion, my inceſſant vowes and hearty oriſons to heaven early and late ſhall bee, *that the high Majeſty which is here meant by the Oke, may in vigor, and ſtrength of conſtitution (if it bee within the poſſibility of nature) attaine unto the age of the* Oke, *which is obſervd to exceed all other terreſtriall creatures in longævity. May he be to his enemies as the* Oke *is to the* Olive, *which as the* Arboliſts *obſerve, ſhrinkes away to nothing, if he be but neere the* roots *of the* Oke; *may* Honour *ſet up her* ſtand *in him, and* victory *her tent under his* branches; *may he bee like that bleſſed* Tree planted *on the waters ſide (as he is already ſurrounded and ſtrengthened with*

with waters) which brings forth her fruit in due ſeaſon, whoſe leafe *fadeth not, and proſpereth in all his undertakings.*

Long may his fruitfull Vine *infolliat and claſp about him with embracements of Princely love, that their ſoules may tranſmigrat into each other: Long may the dew of heaven diſtill upon them, to make them* bourgeon *and* propagat *amongſt themſelves, untill they bee encircled with a large* row *of young* gemmes, *and* cions *of their owne royall* ſtocke, *which to the fulneſſe of earthly contentment, they may ſee* ſhoot *up and* germinat, *and* ingrafted *alſo upon other Princely* ſcutcheons *and* ſhields, *and ſo grow* ripe *to ſucceed them here, when they ſhall be* tranſplanted *to the celeſtiall Paradiſe, to become* true Ieruſalem Okes, *to* flouriſh *there for ever with the* Tree *of life, and behold him who troad the* VVine *preſſe, and once ſuffered upon a* Tree, *to purchaſe for them, that ſhall bee truly* ingrafted *into him here,* Palmes *of* Victory, and immarceſsible ghirlands *of* glory and triumph to all eternity.

So prayeth, The loyallſt, and lowlieſt
of their Maieſties,

VOTARIES *and* VASSALS,

James Howell.